



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

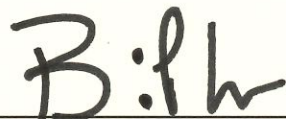
A PROCLAMATION

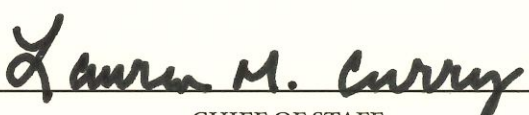
WORLD MENINGITIS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Meningitis is a serious public health concern affecting people of all ages and communities around the world, and certain forms of meningitis can progress rapidly, resulting in death or serious, lifelong complications. Meningitis may initially present symptoms that can be mistaken for less serious illnesses, making increased awareness and timely medical attention critically important; and
- WHEREAS:** The impact of meningitis extends beyond those diagnosed, affecting families, caregivers, survivors, schools, colleges, workplaces, and communities, while survivors may experience lasting physical, neurological, emotional, and developmental challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased public awareness and education can play an important role in reducing the impact of meningitis by helping individuals and families better understand its signs and symptoms, risk factors, prevention strategies, and the importance of seeking prompt medical care when meningitis is suspected; and
- WHEREAS:** The World Health Organization’s Defeating Meningitis by 2030: A Global Road Map, represents a worldwide commitment to reducing the devastating impact of meningitis, including the goals of eliminating bacterial meningitis epidemics, reducing preventable cases and deaths, reducing disability, improving quality of life for those affected, and strengthening awareness and support for individuals, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** World Meningitis Day, observed annually on October 5, brings together individuals, families, survivors, healthcare professionals, advocates, community organizations, and public health partners around the world to raise awareness, honor and remember those whose lives have been affected by meningitis, support survivors and their families, and advance the global effort toward defeating meningitis by 2030; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2026, as WORLD MENINGITIS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF