



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ATAXIA AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Ataxia is a degenerative disease of the nervous system that is typically caused by damage to the part of the brain that is known as the cerebellum. However, it can also be caused by damage to the spinal cord or other nerves; and
- WHEREAS:** Ataxia can either be acquired or hereditary. In the case of the latter, it can be inherited by an autosomal recessive or autosomal dominant; and
- WHEREAS:** Symptoms vary by person and type of Ataxia but may include lack of coordination, slurred speech, deterioration of motor skills, and difficulty walking; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 150,000 individuals are affected by Ataxia, either the acquired or hereditary form. Ataxia can affect any individual at any time without regard to age, sex, or race; and
- WHEREAS:** Ataxia Awareness Day provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of Ataxia and encourage all who are affected, either directly or indirectly, to get involved in the ongoing search for a cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2019 as ATAXIA AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF