



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) is a chronic and debilitating, inflammatory skin disease for which there is no known cure; and
- WHEREAS:** When all stages of the disease are considered, it is estimated that between 1-4 percent of the population is affected by HS and experience an average delay of seven years for correct diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:** HS causes painful skin lesions leading to significant scarring, disfigurement, and a severely diminished quality of life. Understanding and compassion for those with HS and timely, proper diagnosis are all vital; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to two medical facilities with HS clinics and physicians who are recognized specialists in HS. These include The Emory Clinic in Atlanta and Medical Dermatology Specialists PC in Sandy Springs; and
- WHEREAS:** Hope for HS, a national patient advocacy and support group network, provides resources and community for patients and caregivers living with this condition whereas the HS Foundation promotes research, patient care, and physician education; and
- WHEREAS:** Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, promote education and support, recognize the struggles of those affected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 3-9, 2019 as HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Terry K. Fleming

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