



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term that covers more than fifty-two different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and
- WHEREAS:** All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness that ranges from mild weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and
- WHEREAS:** Muscular dystrophy can affect anyone regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS:** Research has yielded new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, and further generate much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and Light It Up Green for MD Month both provide a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues within the muscular dystrophy community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and join in recognizing LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MD MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF