



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### STROKE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world, the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and the fifth leading cause of death in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** In the United States alone, someone has a stroke approximately every forty seconds; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, roughly 800,000 people in the United States have a stroke, yet 90 percent of strokes are linked to ten avoidable risks. More than 600,000 of these incidents are first or new strokes, and 190,000 are recurrent strokes. In 2016, 2.7 million deaths were attributed to ischemic stroke and 2.8 million deaths to hemorrhagic stroke; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia recognizes the various organizations around our state, including the Georgia Stroke Professional Alliance, that have made significant contributions to spreading community awareness through outreach, education, and screening programs. Through their efforts, the community is empowered with the lifesaving F.A.S.T. message of early detection, knowledge regarding the importance of calling 911, and prevention information for stroke risk factor modification; and
- WHEREAS:** Through stroke prevention and community awareness, an important opportunity exists to unite the citizens of the State of Georgia to prevent stroke deaths; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2019 as STROKE 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Timothy K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF