



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATIONS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** X and Y chromosome disorders are common but frequently undiagnosed genetic conditions that differ from the normal chromosome 23 pairings of XX for females and XY for males. Due to a chromosome mistake that produces additional X or Y chromosomes to the normal complement of 46. The resulting total of 47 or more chromosomes may impact a child's developing central nervous system and his or her body condition; and
- WHEREAS:** One child in 500 in the United States has an X and Y chromosome variation that causes complex learning disabilities, including language impairment, motor planning deficits, reading dysfunction, and attention and behavioral disorders. Ten babies born each day have an X and Y chromosome variation, but only three will ever be diagnosed and receive the treatment he or she needs; and
- WHEREAS:** Although health care professionals are taught that genetic anomalies can impact a child's development, more information about X and Y chromosome variations is needed since widespread misinformation about X and Y chromosome variations may cause unnecessary distress to families dealing with such a diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:** With greater national awareness about the existence of X and Y chromosome variations, children with these disorders can be diagnosed and provided with the syndrome-specific medical care and academic intervention they need; and
- WHEREAS:** X and Y Chromosome Variations Awareness Month will increase public awareness and cooperative efforts among organizations and professionals with an interest in addressing the numerous implications that living with X and Y chromosome variations can cause individuals and their families without proper diagnosis and treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Emory Healthcare has established a multidisciplinary clinic named "The eXtraordinarY Clinic" to serve as a regional center of expertise to serve patients and families in Georgia and surrounding states. Emory Healthcare's eXtraordinarY Clinic will host the Biannual Families Conference of the National X & Y Advocacy Association known as "AXYS" on Emory University's suburban Atlanta campus in June 2019 to convene the nation's top clinicians and scientists to benefit patients and families; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATION AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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