BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes the joints to be stiff and crooked at birth; and

WHEREAS: AMC is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is part of other conditions and syndromes. There are more than four hundred different types of AMC; and

WHEREAS: A newborn with arthrogryposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. This condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and

WHEREAS: A newborn must have three contracted joints in two different areas of the body to be diagnosed with AMC. This occurs in about one in every three thousand births; and

WHEREAS: Joints with the potential to be affected by AMC include hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, and toes. Additionally, the jaw and spine can be affected; and

WHEREAS: Although arthrogryposis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals intend to allow those living with the condition to have as much independence in their daily lives as possible; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2019 as ARTHROGRYPOSIS 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 5th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF