BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form on nerve tissue including the brain, spinal cord, and nerves throughout the body; and

WHEREAS: Over 125,000 Americans have been diagnosed with neurofibromatosis. The disorder is present in approximately one of every 3,000 births; and

WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis is characterized by a vast array of symptoms and can lead to learning disabilities, hearing impairments, loss of vision, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, severe pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS: Organizations across the State of Georgia and nation are actively striving to increase public awareness and advance research of Neurofibromatosis. The Children's Tumor Foundation develops collaborative partnerships with non-profits, patient registries, universities, labs, and hospitals to advance research efforts regarding the development of drug and medical treatments; and

WHEREAS: Continued advocacy and public awareness of neurofibromatosis will help to promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for future research; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 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 6th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF