



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY (ALPHA-1) AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is a hereditary disorder that can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, and it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and
- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 is widely under and misdiagnosed, with fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed. It often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2021 as ALPHA-1 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 5th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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