



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and
- WHEREAS:** The act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, but those with apraxia endure a lengthy struggle; and
- WHEREAS:** Without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia are placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and
- WHEREAS:** These primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities if not resolved or improved; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to generate greater public awareness of CAS in Georgia among community members, physicians, education professionals, policy makers, and elected officials; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2021, as APRAXIA 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 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertich

CHIEF OF STAFF