



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Scleroderma is a rare group of diseases that cause the skin and connective tissue to harden and tighten; and
- WHEREAS:** The state of Georgia is committed to addressing the complex health needs of people suffering from scleroderma; and
- WHEREAS:** Comprehensive and coordinated health services are inherently important for scleroderma patients to achieve positive outcomes; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to raise awareness for the needs of people with scleroderma and the improvement of services for these patients and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgians are encouraged to wear teal throughout the month of June to show their support for scleroderma, as well as to participate in scleroderma awareness-related events; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Chapter, in collaboration with the Scleroderma Foundation and other organizational partners, seeks to raise awareness in our communities through support, education, and research toward finding a cure for scleroderma; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as SCLERODERMA 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kipatnick*

CHIEF OF STAFF