



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Vitiligo is an autoimmune disorder of unknown cause, characterized by loss of pigmentation in skin; and
- WHEREAS:** Vitiligo affects approximately 3 million Americans and about two percent of the world's population, including citizens across the State of Georgia. It may be hereditary and is the most common disorder of skin discoloration; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgians affected by vitiligo may be more prone skin sensitivity and other health complications; and
- WHEREAS:** Several diseases have been associated with vitiligo, including hyperthyroidism, Addison's disease, and lupus; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia joins the National Vitiligo Bond Incorporated Foundation and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting awareness about vitiligo to develop better therapies and care for those afflicted along with preventative measures; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2021, as VITILIGO 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

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