



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Eating disorders affect 28.8 million Americans or 9 percent of the U.S. population during their lifetime, and can affect anyone regardless of age, race, gender, weight, or any other trait; and

WHEREAS: Eating disorders, including the specific disorders of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder, and other specified feeding or eating disorders, are complex, biologically based illnesses; and

WHEREAS: Eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeats, heart disease, heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, tooth decay, obesity, gallbladder disease, diabetes, and death; and

WHEREAS: At least once every 52 minutes, someone dies as direct result of an eating disorder, resulting in 10,200 deaths per year, and anorexia nervosa has the second highest mortality rate among all psychiatric illnesses; and

WHEREAS: Eating disorders have a high prevalence amongst active military services members and veterans; and

WHEREAS: Thankfully, with early detection and intervention, full recovery from an eating disorder is possible; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 21-27, 2022 as EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kilpatrick

CHIEF OF STAFF