



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** 1 in 2229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in the United States, and roughly the same number born in Georgia annually. While the disease itself may affect small numbers of people, its impact affects many more; and
- WHEREAS:** Those affected by gastroschisis can have serious and debilitating conditions that significantly impact their lives, including, but not limited, to slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, limited treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and
- WHEREAS:** Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is an organization founded on the initial cause of providing support to families, funding the needs of the cause above all else, and encouraging research to discover the causes and promote prevention; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2022, as GASTROSCHISIS 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 28th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Mantua Kipparich

CHIEF OF STAFF