



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### KIDNEY HEALTH MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Healthy kidneys are essential for regulating our bodies by removing fluids, waste, and toxins. They release hormones to help regulate blood pressure, produce red blood cells, and strengthen our bones; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that one in ten Americans will have kidney stones during their lifetimes, and each year, approximately 500,000 people go to the emergency room as a result of kidney stones; and
- WHEREAS:** Kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, and it is growing in prevalence. It is critical that attention be brought to this often overlooked health crisis; and
- WHEREAS:** While the precise cause of kidney cancer is unknown, the two main causes of kidney failure are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for more than 70 percent of all kidney failure cases; and
- WHEREAS:** During Kidney Health Month and throughout the year, the State of Georgia seeks to raise awareness of the importance of kidneys to our overall health and support the reduction of the worldwide frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as KIDNEY HEALTH MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF