

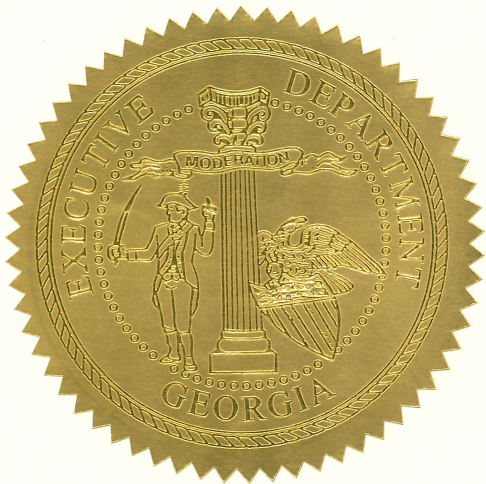
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Fournier and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause; and
- WHEREAS:** It is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that attracts a high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the "flesh eating bacteria or virus;" and
- WHEREAS:** The most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of normal healthy individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension; and
- WHEREAS:** In rare occasions, it may occur following minor injuries to the skin, falls, cuts, or tears but sometimes is not apparent and can occur in apparently healthy individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** Though it can affect anywhere on the body, the most common sites for it to involve are the abdomen, arms, legs, extremities, and face, particularly around the eyes; and
- WHEREAS:** While progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, there is still much to learn about Necrotizing Fasciitis, but with increased research, the goal of discovering the cause, improving treatment, and finding a cure are attainable; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as NECROTIZING FASCIITIS 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF