



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Sepsis is one's bodily reaction to an infection and is a life-threatening condition which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, or death; and
- WHEREAS:** Any type of infection (bacterial, viral, fungal, or parasitic) can lead to sepsis and cause a medical emergency which requires rapid diagnosis and treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the Centers for Disease Control, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 270,000 adult lives every year in the United States. Although anyone can develop sepsis, young children, the elderly, and those with chronic illnesses or compromised immune systems are at the highest risk; and
- WHEREAS:** The signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic device from Sepsis Alliance: "Sepsis, It's About TIME™," which stands for Temperature, Infection, Mental decline and extremely ill; and
- WHEREAS:** Awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment can save lives and improve outcomes of survivors. It is important to be aware of sepsis and support hardworking healthcare workers helping patients across Georgia and our nation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2022, as SEPSIS 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kipertovich*

CHIEF OF STAFF