



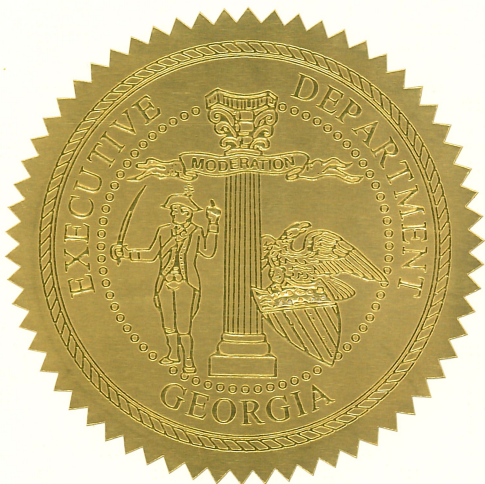
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATIONS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** X and Y chromosome disorders are common but frequently undiagnosed genetic conditions that differ from the normal chromosome 23 pairings of XX for females and XY for males, due to a chromosome mistake that produces additional X or Y chromosomes to the normal complement of 46. The resulting total of 47 or more chromosomes may impact a child's developing central nervous system and his or her body condition; and
- WHEREAS:** One in 500 children in the United States has an X and Y chromosome variation that causes complex learning disabilities, including language impairment, motor planning deficits, reading dysfunction, and attention and behavioral disorders. Ten babies born each day have an X and Y chromosome variation, but only three will ever be diagnosed and receive the treatment he or she needs; and
- WHEREAS:** Although health care professionals are taught that genetic anomalies can impact a child's development, more information about X and Y chromosome variations is needed, since widespread misinformation about X and Y chromosome variations may cause unnecessary distress to families dealing with such a diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:** With greater awareness about the existence of X and Y chromosome variations, children with these disorders can be diagnosed and provided with the syndrome-specific medical care and academic intervention they need; and
- WHEREAS:** X and Y Chromosome Variations Awareness Month will increase public awareness and cooperative efforts among organizations and professionals with an interest in addressing the numerous implications that living with X and Y chromosome variations can cause individuals and their families without proper diagnosis and treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Emory Healthcare has established a multidisciplinary clinic named "The eXtraordinaryY Clinic" to serve as a regional center of expertise to serve patients and families in Georgia and surrounding states; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATIONS 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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