



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** May 14, 2023 marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout Georgia about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children; and
- WHEREAS:** Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and
- WHEREAS:** Without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Apraxia often has both primary and secondary impacts that can diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and
- WHEREAS:** Public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Georgia is important for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2023, as APRAXIA 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 17th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF