



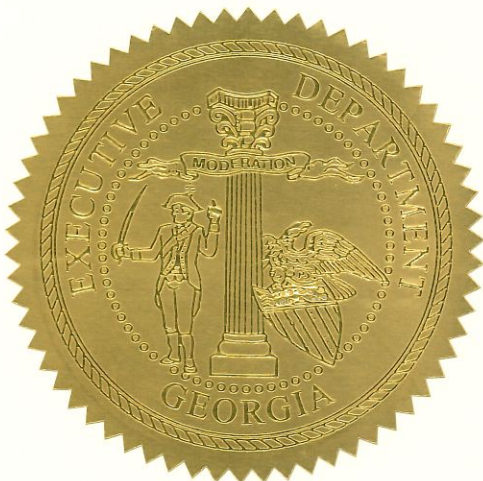
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** More than 33 million Americans have food allergies, and nearly 6 million of those are children under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS:** Research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to food. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- WHEREAS:** With organizations like FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education), much is being done to improve the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them with the possibility of new treatment opportunities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 2023, as FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Markus Kipparich*

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