



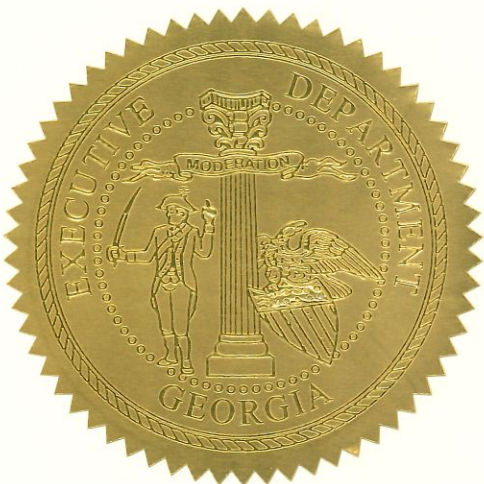
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 5 million people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Gastroparesis is "paralysis of the stomach" which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and
- WHEREAS:** There is little awareness, no known cure, and few reliable and effective medications or treatments for gastroparesis; and
- WHEREAS:** As further research, improved medications, additional treatment options and hope for the future is sought, it is important to educate the citizens of the State of Georgia, the medical community, and the public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2023 as GASTROPARESIS 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 27th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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