



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LUPUS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Lupus is an acute and chronic (lifelong) autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body; and
- WHEREAS:** Lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain. No organ is spared. This disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure; and
- WHEREAS:** While lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age, no one is safe from lupus. Lupus can be difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to these of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus; and
- WHEREAS:** There are an estimated 55,000 Georgians who suffer from Lupus; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to educate and support individuals suffering with lupus, and The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Advocacy was established to improve education and awareness across the state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2023, as LUPUS 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 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

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