



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Craniofacial Acceptance Month began in 2005 in order to bring awareness to the thousands of children born each year in the United States who are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference; and
- WHEREAS:** The most well-known craniofacial difference is Cleft Lip syndrome which affects hundreds of thousands of births each year worldwide. Many more children are born with dozens of additional facial differences including Apert syndrome, Treacher Collins syndrome, facial palsy, and Craniosynostosis; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, the majority of affected individuals will often endure multiple surgeries before they reach adulthood, placing immense emotional and financial strain on those affected and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** There is little information and education among the general public about those who live with facial differences; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations such as Children's Craniofacial Association serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professions who care for them in order to empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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