



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INTERSTITIAL CYSTITIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Interstitial Cystitis/Bladder Pain Syndrome (IC/BPS) is a chronic bladder condition that typically consists of multiple symptoms including recurring pelvic pain, pressure, or discomfort in the bladder and pelvic region, and urinary frequency and urgency; and
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 12 million Americans, with 3 to 8 million women and 1 to 4 million men, suffer from this condition, for which there is no known root cause or existing cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Appropriate diagnosis can take months or years for patients as there is no specific test to identify IC/BPS, and treatment options and levels of relief vary greatly from patient to patient; and
- WHEREAS:** IC/BPS involves chronic pain which can greatly impact a patient's everyday activities, including the ability to work and mental health; and
- WHEREAS:** IC/BPS patients have historically faced stigma and a lack of understanding for their condition due to limited awareness and existing treatment for their condition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as INTERSTITIAL CYSTITIS 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 7th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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