



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Intestinal malrotation is a congenital birth defect that occurs when the intestine fails to rotate correctly during embryonic development. This can result in volvulus, a life-threatening surgical emergency where the intestine twists, restricting blood flow to vital organs; and
- WHEREAS:** Malrotation is rare, but serious disease. While children are significantly more likely to be diagnosed during infancy, adults are also an underrepresented patient group; and
- WHEREAS:** To reduce the mortality and morbidity associated with malrotation, it is vital for healthcare providers and the community to be aware of signs and symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** The cardinal symptom of volvulus is vomiting bile, a green or bright yellow fluid, which is reported in a high number of pediatric cases. Other symptoms include abdominal pain, dehydration, lethargy, failure to thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day provides an important opportunity to emphasize the urgency of this condition, and it further promotes efforts to create a pathway for continual awareness, support research, promote education among medical professionals, create scholarship, and grant opportunities for the community, and disseminate information while supporting those affected by it; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2024, as INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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