



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LEUKEMIA AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS:** Leukemia is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow that disrupts the production of healthy blood cells, leading to weakened immunity, oxygenation challenges, and clotting difficulties; and

**WHEREAS:** Leukemia is categorized into acute and chronic types, affecting children and adults alike, with forms such as Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML), and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL), each presenting unique treatment challenges; and

**WHEREAS:** Early symptoms—such as fatigue, fever, swollen lymph nodes, and bruising—call for timely diagnosis and treatment, with advanced diagnostic methods like blood tests, genetic analysis, and imaging guiding tailored care; and

**WHEREAS:** Significant risk factors include genetic predisposition, chemical exposure, and lifestyle choices such as smoking, underscoring the need for preventive education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS:** Treatments such as chemotherapy, stem cell transplantation, targeted therapies, and new approaches like CAR-T cell therapy offer improved patient outcomes and renewed hope. Continued research and clinical trials advance understanding and develop innovative therapies, raising survival rates and enhancing lives; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim December 15-21, 2024, as LEUKEMIA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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