



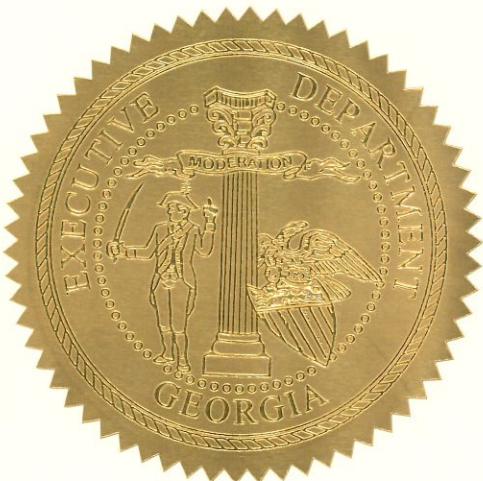
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Every bite of food for children with Pediatric Feeding Disorder (PFD) can be painful, scary, or simply impossible to swallow, potentially impeding nutrition, development, growth, and overall well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** The Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition defines PFD as impaired oral intake that is not age-appropriate and is associated with medical, nutritional, feeding skills, and/or psychosocial dysfunction; and
- WHEREAS:** The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify nutrition during the first 1,000 days of life as a critical factor to early brain growth, development of the central nervous system, and lifelong mental health; and
- WHEREAS:** PFD can affect all aspects of life, placing medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social burdens on children and families alike; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising awareness for pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) will help create a world in which children with PFD will thrive by accelerating identification, igniting research, and promoting collaborative care and support for children and families; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDER 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 12th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

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