



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Scoliosis is a condition that can affect any person regardless of age, gender, or background. It is an abnormal curvature of the spine that has no known cause and affects over 7 million people nationwide, or 2-3 percent of the population; and
- WHEREAS:** Public awareness of scoliosis is an important component to the effort to help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care resources annually, with approximately one out of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually requiring active medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between 10 and 15 years old, with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the need for increased awareness regarding the risks and effects of scoliosis in order to improve detection, treatment and overall care for Georgians with the condition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2024, as SCOLIOSIS 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF