**AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM DAY**

**WHEREAS:**  Amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a catastrophic complication of pregnancy in which amniotic fluid, fetal cells, hair, or other debris enters into the maternal pulmonary circulation, causing cardiovascular collapse; and

**WHEREAS**: Amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality, and yet can be very difficult to diagnose because the symptoms are often similar to other serious complications during childbirth; and

**WHEREAS:** An AFE is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process; and

**WHEREAS:** The AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in Georgia, provides meaningful education and life-saving skills to prepare healthcare providers to manage and treat patients, increase lives saved, and gain submissions to the AFE registry and biorepository; and

**WHEREAS:** Awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote the understanding of this disorder, expand the search for effective treatment, and accelerate the increased number of lives saved; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2025, as AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.