



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILDHOOD APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Apraxia of speech is an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1000 children, and our highest respect goes to these children and their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles; and
- WHEREAS:** Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and
- WHEREAS:** The act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak; and
- WHEREAS:** Without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Georgia is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2025, as CHILDHOOD APRAXIA 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 9th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF