



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDER (PFD) AND AVOIDANT RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER (ARFID) AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition has defined pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) as impaired oral intake that is not age-appropriate and is associated with medical, nutritional, feeding skill, and/or psychosocial dysfunction; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the Journal of Pediatrics, it is estimated that more than 1 in 37 children under the age of 5 and more than 1 in 5 children with a chronic disease experience severe PFD in the United States annually; and
- WHEREAS:** Every bite of food for children with PFD and ARFID can be painful, scary, or simply impossible to swallow, potentially impeding nutrition, development, growth, and overall well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** Families navigating PFD and ARFID often feel isolated and overwhelmed, struggling to overcome the medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social issues related to PFD; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising awareness for PFD and ARFID will help create a world in which children with these disorders can 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 May 2025, as PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDER (PFD) AND AVOIDANT RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER (ARFID) 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 11th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF