



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Arthrogyposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes the joints to be stiff and crooked at birth; and
- WHEREAS:** AMC is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is part of other conditions and syndromes. There are more than four hundred different types of AMC; and
- WHEREAS:** A newborn with arthrogyposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. This condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and
- WHEREAS:** A newborn must have three contracted joints in two different areas of the body to be diagnosed with AMC. This occurs in about one in every three thousand births; and
- WHEREAS:** Joints with the potential to be affected by AMC include hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, and toes. Additionally, the jaw and spine can be affected; and
- WHEREAS:** Although arthrogyposis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals intend to allow those living with the condition to have as much independence in their daily lives as possible; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2019 as ARTHROGRYPOSIS 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF