



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS:** Fabry disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to experience many symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

**WHEREAS:** Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that results in buildup of lipids in the body causing cell and organ damage; and

**WHEREAS:** There are two approved treatments available, but because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

**WHEREAS:** Newborn screenings have now been performed in several countries, yielding a prevalence ranging from 1:1,368 to 1:8,882. This is in contrast to earlier presumed prevalence of 1:40,000-1:117,000; and

**WHEREAS:** Health care providers and families should be aware of the many Fabry disease symptoms and if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as FABRY DISEASE 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF