



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects movement. There is currently no cure; and
- WHEREAS:** One million people in the United States are currently living with Parkinson's disease with an additional 50,000-60,000 new cases diagnosed each year; making Parkinson's disease the 14th leading cause of death in the U.S. according to the Centers for Disease Control; and
- WHEREAS:** Every day the American Parkinson Disease Association provides the support, education, and research that will help everyone impacted by Parkinson's disease live life to the fullest, through research, patient and family services, education, and more; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased efforts and awareness are desperately needed to help expedite the research efforts into better treatments, medications, and ultimately, a cure, as well as enhanced programs and services to help those impacted by Parkinson's disease live life to the fullest until a cure is found; and
- WHEREAS:** The world, the nation, and the State of Georgia observe Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in April 2019. Our state recognizes the efforts of the American Parkinson Disease Association Georgia Chapter to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Parkinson's disease, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with the disease; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as PARKINSON'S 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 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF