



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### UTERINE FIBROID DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Uterine fibroids, non-cancerous tumors found in the uterus, are one of the most common diseases of the female reproductive system; and
- WHEREAS:** African American women are more likely to develop uterine fibroids and experience more severe symptoms than women of other races; and
- WHEREAS:** Many women delay diagnosis and treatment for uterine fibroids despite experiencing severe symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Many women undergo a hysterectomy as a treatment for uterine fibroids even though other options are now available to address the symptoms of uterine fibroids; and
- WHEREAS:** Uterine fibroids cost the United States tens of billions of dollars annually due to hospitalizations, surgeries, physician visits, and lost productivity and absenteeism; and
- WHEREAS:** Access to information and education is key to ensuring early diagnosis and proper treatment; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 2019 as UTERINE FIBROID 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Timothy K. Fleming*

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