



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and
- WHEREAS:** Inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and
- WHEREAS:** Illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 2 million hospital stays involve malnutrition per year, and each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed. Malnutrition is a major factor in increased hospital readmissions, costs, and mortality. Malnourished patients have three times the mortality rate of mortality of all hospitalized patients; and
- WHEREAS:** Twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition. Screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to reducing malnutrition in the United States, and on Malnutrition Awareness Week, Georgians can learn the facts about and risks of malnutrition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2021 as MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF