BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

PEdiATRIC FEEDING DISORDER (PFD) AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify nutrition during the first 1,000 days of life as a critical factor to early brain growth, development of the central nervous system, and lifelong mental health; and

WHEREAS: The Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition defines pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) as impaired oral intake that is not age-appropriate and is associated with medical, nutritional, feeding skill, and/or psychosocial dysfunction; and

WHEREAS: Every bite of food for children with PFD can be painful, scary, or simply impossible to swallow, potentially impeding nutrition, development, growth, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS: PFD can affect all aspects of life, placing medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social burdens on children and families alike; and

WHEREAS: Raising awareness for pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) will help create a world in which children with PFD will thrive by accelerating identification, igniting research, and promoting collaborative care and support for children and families; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDER (PFD) 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 24th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF