



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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Brandon Kipferbach*

CHIEF OF STAFF