



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Our children are the future of our state, and safeguarding their health and well-being is one of our most important responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS:** One of the most important components of overall health is oral health. By establishing education programs that promote good dental health habits for children and supporting the fluoridation of public water supplies – at recommended levels – we can do our part in preventing dental disease; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Dental Association (GDA) and its Foundation for Oral Health are dedicated to promoting and encouraging Georgia's youth to adopt good oral health habits. The organization and program have provided educational opportunities and dental screenings for school children since 1950; and
- WHEREAS:** GDA's annual "Give Kids A Smile Program" helps educate, assess, and improve the oral health of one of Georgia's most vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS:** Children's Dental Health Month provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health among children, ensuring the development of healthy habits that will last a lifetime; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Timothy K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF