



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** First responders include 911 dispatchers, law-enforcement officers, professional and volunteer firefighters, professional and volunteer emergency medical services personnel, emergency management professionals, search and rescue teams, rescue pilots and divers, and the Georgia National Guard, among others in the public safety sector; and
- WHEREAS:** These courageous men and women are our first and best defense against all threats, both foreign and domestic; and
- WHEREAS:** Each day, our first responders stand ready to aid Georgians who are in need, often risking their own safety in the execution of their duties; and
- WHEREAS:** First responders undergo extensive education and training in order to achieve the expertise required to respond to emergency situations; and
- WHEREAS:** On First Responders Appreciation Day and throughout the year, Georgians are encouraged to celebrate the service and sacrifice of the first responders who make our communities the best in which to live, work, and raise a family; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2020 as FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Tenette K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF