



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA HEARING DAY

- WHEREAS:** Hearing plays a critical role in communication and personal relationships as well as overall health outcomes, psychological well-being, and safety; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimate 466 million people worldwide, including 34 million children, suffer from hearing loss; and
- WHEREAS:** Hearing loss can result from complications at birth, infectious diseases, chronic ear infections, certain drug use, exposure to excessive noise, and aging; and
- WHEREAS:** People with hearing loss benefit from early identification, hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive devices, captioning and sign language, and other forms of educational and social support; and
- WHEREAS:** On Georgia Hearing Day and throughout the year, organizations like A.G. Bell work to raise awareness about deafness and hearing loss and are dedicated to providing the resources necessary to ensure that children who are deaf or hard of hearing can reach their full potential; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2020 as GEORGIA HEARING DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
  
CHIEF OF STAFF