BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GIRLS EMPOWERMENT DAY

WHEREAS: The first Girls Empowerment Day was celebrated on February 20, 2017 with the purpose of recognizing and empowering girls throughout the State of Georgia by preparing them for success, providing educational opportunities, and promoting the end of violence; and

WHEREAS: Girls around the world are at a disadvantage. Sixty-five million girls are not in school, 33 million fewer girls than boys attend primary school, and 17 million of these girls will never attend school in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS: Empowering and investing in girls is instrumental in promoting and protecting the future of women. Statistics show that girls with an education earn higher wages and support healthier, more prosperous families; and

WHEREAS: On Girls Empowerment Day, individuals and organizations in the State of Georgia come together to celebrate and encourage young women to become the leaders of tomorrow; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2020 as GIRLS EMPOWERMENT DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.