



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights, involving the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain a commercial sex act; and
- WHEREAS:** Atlanta, Georgia has been named as one of the top fourteen cities with abnormally high rates of human trafficking. But none of our cities, suburban areas, or rural areas are exempt from this issue;
- WHEREAS:** Most human trafficking victims are children, and the average age of a human trafficking victim in Georgia is 14.8 years old; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgians for Refuge, Action, Compassion, and Education Commission (GRACE) was created to combat the threat of human trafficking in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Human traffickers often promise high-paying jobs, loving relationships, and exciting opportunities, but in other cases, they kidnap victims, resort to physical violence, or use substance abuse to control them; and
- WHEREAS:** Common signs of human trafficking include poor physical health and lack of control, among other signs; and
- WHEREAS:** During Human Trafficking Awareness Month and throughout the year, the State of Georgia is committed to raising awareness of this issue, preventing the conditions that foster sex trafficking, and healing victims – all while holding bad actors accountable; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as HUMAN TRAFFICKING 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 1st day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Fleming

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