



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POISON PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) reports that over 2.5 million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States annually; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2019, the Georgia Poison Center assisted with over 84,000 poisoning related calls. Over 42 percent of these calls involved children under the age of five; and
- WHEREAS:** Poisoning is still the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States, especially in young children; and
- WHEREAS:** It is imperative for all citizens to be conscious of the dangers of poisonous pesticides, household cleaning products, cosmetics, medications, foreign bodies, and insect and animal bites; and
- WHEREAS:** Poison centers provide many services, including information and telephone emergency services, that citizens should be aware of; and
- WHEREAS:** To reduce poisoning incidents in Georgia, everyone is encouraged to learn more about the resources offered by poison centers and learn the emergency hotline number 1-800-222-1222, which is available 24/7; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 15-21, 2020 POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF