BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: In 1992, the Legislature passed the Prescribed Burning Act that declared prescribed burning as a valuable and necessary forest management tool; and

WHEREAS: Professional foresters and other land resource managers use prescribed burning to reduce the forest fuels that can cause deadly wildfires, thus improving forest health; and

WHEREAS: Prescribed burning not only protects Georgia’s forestland from deadly wildfires, but it also creates valuable wildlife habitat and controls disease and insects; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Forestry Commission partners with agencies and organizations across the state to support, promote, educate, and train individuals so that we may continue to use prescribed burning appropriately; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2 - 8, 2020 as PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia and thank the land managers who protect and maintain Georgia’s natural heritage for present and future generations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.