



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SOCIAL WORK MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Social work professionals are dedicated to improving the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society; and
- WHEREAS:** Social workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers: Generations Strong" through their impact on every generation – from the Greatest Generation to Generation Z – in our governments, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, health care organizations, and mental health organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** Social workers are dedicated to helping seniors and adults with disabilities live safer, healthier, and more independent lives; and
- WHEREAS:** Social workers continue to improve children's prospects for a better future by working to expand foster care in areas where it is most needed, helping their parents provide financial and emotional support, and protecting them from abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and
- WHEREAS:** School social workers in Georgia serve as vital members of the educational team, playing a central role in creating a positive environment in schools. They are especially skilled in identifying and providing services to students who face serious challenges, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning and school success; and
- WHEREAS:** Social workers in Georgia continue to bring individuals, communities, agencies, and governments together to help solve some of society's most pressing issues; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as SOCIAL WORK MONTH and March 1-7, 2020 as SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST



CHIEF OF STAFF

