



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) DAY

- WHEREAS:** In 1988, Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) began as Kids of Georgia Need Volunteers, Inc. Four years later in 1992, the nonprofit's name was changed to Georgia CASA, Inc.; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia CASA is dedicated to improving the lives of children in foster care throughout the state. By advocating for children who have experienced abuse or neglect, CASA volunteers work to amplify each child's voice and help change their story; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia CASA's forty-six affiliate programs recruit, screen, train, and supervise CASA volunteers – specially-trained adults who are appointed by the court to provide compassionate and individualized attention to help each child find a safe, permanent home; and
- WHEREAS:** Last year alone, nearly 2,8000 CASA volunteers advocated for over 10,000 children in our state's legal custody; and
- WHEREAS:** As an external partner, Georgia CASA maximizes the resources and support available to children and families through increased community involvement and awareness, local and state advocacy efforts, and compassionate response efforts to children and families in crisis; and
- WHEREAS:** On CASA Day and throughout the year, the State of Georgia is proud to recognize CASA volunteers for their selfless efforts and contributions made on behalf of Georgia's children; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 11, 2021 as COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kippenrich

CHIEF OF STAFF