



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS' WEEK

- WHEREAS:** In 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and
- WHEREAS:** This commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, thousands of Georgia citizens are the victims of violent crimes. Those affected by violent crimes may suffer emotional, physical, psychological, or financial hardships as a result of victimization; and
- WHEREAS:** With the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and
- WHEREAS:** During Victims Rights' Week, Georgians are encouraged to remember those who have been affected by violent crimes, while also recognizing the efforts of individuals across the state who are dedicated to assisting victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is proud to be home to state personnel, victim advocates, law enforcement, service providers, and brave victims who, for more than three decades, have demonstrated a commitment to helping those affected by crime regain their voice and improve self-esteem; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 18-24 2021, as CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS' WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Nancy Kilpatrick*

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