



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

**WHEREAS:** Fire is a serious public safety concern, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire. In the United States, home fires killed more than 2,770 people in 2019, and fire departments responded to 339,500 home fires; and

**WHEREAS:** Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely, and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS:** Residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond, and that the alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education, and Georgia residents who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS:** During Fire Prevention Week, all Georgians should learn the sounds of fire safety by learning to distinguish between the sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of Georgia's fire and emergency services; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2021 as FIRE 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Kippenhede*

CHIEF OF STAFF