BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA BLOOD DONATION DAY

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

WHEREAS: Insufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally. In order to provide the best care, our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available blood supply for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS: Just one blood donation can help up to three patients. Although it is estimated that thirty-eight percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, less than ten percent do; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is home to many public service organizations that are committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS: Georgia Blood Donation Day serves as a reminder that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2021 as GEORGIA BLOOD DONATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.