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 among us; and

WHEREAS: This year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers Are Essential," embodies the heroic contributions social workers have made during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The social work profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with nearly 800,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; and

WHEREAS: Social workers in Georgia serve as vital members of the educational team, playing a central role in creating positive environments in schools across the state. 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 love one, and other barriers to school success; and

WHEREAS: Social workers in Georgia continue to bring individuals, communities, agencies, and government 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 2021 as SOCIAL WORK MONTH and March 7-13, 2021 as 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 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF