



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION ADVOCACY DAY

- WHEREAS:** Substance abuse affects millions of individuals of all ages, races, and ethnicities, as well as their families, friends, communities, and workplaces; and
- WHEREAS:** Through the leadership of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, prevention has become an effective science in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The five steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework are assessing needs, building capacity, strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation. This framework has served and continues to serve communities in every part of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Implemented around our state, prescription drug, opioid abuse, and suicide prevention programs are helping to save the health and lives of Georgia's children and adults, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's prevention providers also implement state-wide and targeted programs, including thirty-seven Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Projects to tackle community-specific challenges. These projects aim to reduce underage alcohol use, prevent young adult binge drinking, and promote healthy choices among children, young adults, and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** State-certified drug free workplaces in Georgia provide Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) and access to counseling and other treatment resources that employees might otherwise not be able to afford; and
- WHEREAS:** Employers who implement comprehensive drug free workplace programs should be commended and will continue to be rewarded through a state mandated 7.5 percent discount on workers' compensation insurance; and
- WHEREAS:** On Substance Abuse Prevention Advocacy Day and throughout the year, we must help Georgians who are attempting to stop drug abuse and addiction before it begins. We should also celebrate and commend the individuals among us who are successfully living drug-free lives; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2021, as SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION ADVOCACY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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ATTEST

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