

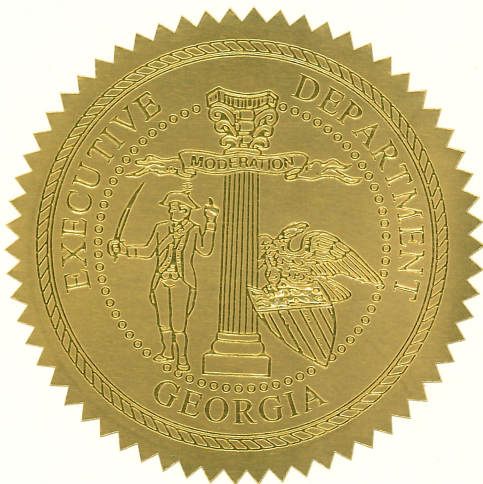
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Children and families in our state are the foundation of our communities, and the State of Georgia thrives when children are in safe and loving homes; and
- WHEREAS:** Homes across the State of Georgia are opened by families to provide children with a safe, nurturing environment to live and grow. In the last state fiscal year, 1,228 children were adopted in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Kemp Administration, Georgia Department of Human Services, Georgia General Assembly, and others have prioritized foster care and adoption reform, committing funds and passing legislation to decrease the burden on adoptive parents and create new opportunities; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia and Department of Human Services are committed to educating the public about the need for adoptive families and the important roles they play in the lives of children statewide. We honor the many organizations and individuals across the State of Georgia who work to provide important services to address the needs of children and families throughout the adoption process; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia celebrates the families who adopt and provide loving, caring, and supportive homes for children and encourages Georgians to continue their commitment and support in making a difference in children's lives through adoption; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Matthew Kipparich
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