

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and WHEREAS: Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology such as the internet and cell phones; and WHEREAS: Bullying has been found to affect millions of American children and adolescents, meaning it has touched the lives of countless young Americans and their families; and WHEREAS: Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems than those who are not bullied, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear activities such as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and WHEREAS: Children who bully could be more likely to engage in more serious violent behaviors, and children who are victims of bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated; now **THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as BULLYING PREVENTION 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 12th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

