



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILD LIFE SPECIALISTS' APPRECIATION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Child Life Specialists provide children and families with education, emotional support, and coping strategies in response to illness, injury, disability, trauma, or hospitalization; and
- WHEREAS:** These specialists primarily work in the medical setting, and they are skilled in the areas of childhood development and psychological and familial support; and
- WHEREAS:** They help decrease stress and aid in the adjustment to hospital settings through diagnostic education, specialized activities, and medical and therapeutic play; and
- WHEREAS:** These medical professionals work to normalize the hospital setting and ensure families find routines to allow them to thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Child life specialists help to cultivate relationships with patients along with their parents, siblings, and other family members to ensure they are an integral part of the health care experience; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes and appreciates the role of child life specialists in the growth and development of children who endure medical challenges; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as CHILD LIFE SPECIALISTS APPRECIATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertich

CHIEF OF STAFF