



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Children's mental health is the heart of wellness in Georgia communities, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic has caused increased stress for children, adolescents, and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** One in ten children in Georgia suffer from serious emotional and mental disorders that, when left untreated, cause significant functional impairment in their day-to-day lives at home, in school, and with peers; and
- WHEREAS:** Most children and adolescents with mental disorders do not receive treatment, leaving them at increased risk of school drop-out, involvement in the Juvenile Justice system, and negative life outcomes; and
- WHEREAS:** With early identification and appropriate treatment, children of all ages can obtain resiliency building services, support, and treatment, and go on to live productive and satisfying lives; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's APEX program, funded by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, continues to expand in school-based settings to provide mental health wellness strategies, early intervention, and appropriate and timely treatment when symptoms develop; and
- WHEREAS:** Children's mental health awareness is vital to ensuring that Georgia's children and communities learn about the warning signs of mental health disorders and how to get the help they need; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1 - 7, 2022 as CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 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 March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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