



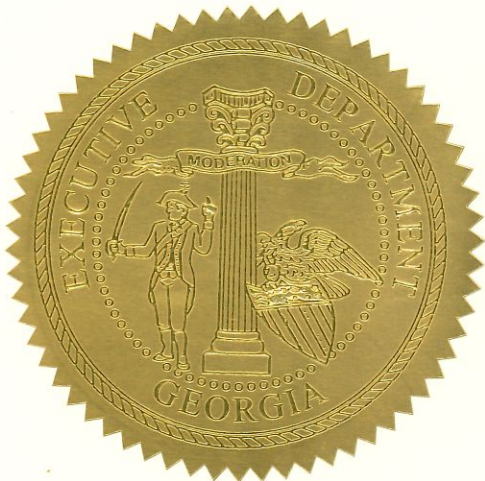
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Cyberbullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media that is used to share content; and
- WHEREAS:** Cyberbullying can take place in any situation at any time with the use of the internet to share hateful and hurtful messages. These conditions can lead to anxiety, depression, and even suicide in youth; and
- WHEREAS:** Bullying affects one in three youth, but unfortunately only one in ten teens tell an adult if they have been a victim of cyberbullying. Once harmful materials are circulated on the Internet, they may never disappear, resurfacing at later times to renew the pain of cyberbullying. Some cyberbullying cases may cross the line into unlawful or criminal behavior; and
- WHEREAS:** Children and teens who are victims of cyberbullying may avoid technological devices, withdraw from family and friends, and experience a decline in academic performance. Victims may also appear reluctant to attend school or social events and have poor eating or sleeping habits; and
- WHEREAS:** Many youths do not know how to deal with bullies who hide behind their screen, unsure of who to talk to or how to report incidents; and
- WHEREAS:** During Cyberbullying Prevention & Awareness Week, students, teachers, parents, and community members are encouraged to bring awareness and offer solutions to cyberbullying, and work to create a safe environment for all Georgia's children to live, learn, and grow; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 24 – 29, 2022 as CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION AND 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF