



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FOSTER CARE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children and youth, and are the foundation of our communities and our state; and
- WHEREAS:** In Georgia, there are 11,500 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home by compassionate foster families; and
- WHEREAS:** All young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and
- WHEREAS:** Foster, kinship, and adoptive families who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby helping launch young people into successful adulthoods; and
- WHEREAS:** Dedicated foster families frequently adopt children in foster care, resulting in a greater need for more foster families, especially those willing to take older children, children with complex needs, and sibling groups; and
- WHEREAS:** All Georgians can play a role in supporting positive outcomes for our children and families through advocacy and engagement, not limited to answering the call to foster; and
- WHEREAS:** We honor the Department of Human Services, as well as other individuals and organizations throughout Georgia who work diligently to serve the needs of children in foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as FOSTER CARE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Kipstrick*

CHIEF OF STAFF