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 11th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF