



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

IDENTITY THEFT AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Approximately 23 million Americans fall victim to identity theft each year, finding themselves stuck in the difficult process of taking back their lives from thieves, who often strike quickly and quietly, leaving their victims to pick up the pieces for years to come; and
- WHEREAS:** An individual who commits identity theft may steal the victim's name, home address, credit card, banking information, Social Security number, and medical insurance information; and
- WHEREAS:** Identity thieves may use the victim's information to conduct credit card purchases, obtain new credit cards, take the victim's tax return, receive medical treatment with the victim's health insurance, open new utility accounts, and apply for employment; and
- WHEREAS:** A person with a stolen identity faces significant obstacles in regaining their identity, including time-consuming lawsuits, being unable to obtain credit cards and loans, and an incredible amount of stress and anxiety; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the struggles and conflict identity theft causes its victims and encourages all Georgians to learn how they can protect their identities and safeguard their personal information; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 31-February 4, 2022 as IDENTITY THEFT 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 25th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipfer

CHIEF OF STAFF