



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** The leading cause of maternal death in Georgia is Cardiovascular and Coronary Conditions, accounting for 18 pregnancy-related deaths between 2015-2017; followed by Cardiomyopathy, Hemorrhage, Infection, and Cerebrovascular Accidents; and
- WHEREAS:** To combat the maternal mortality rate, Georgia has engaged in ongoing efforts to systematically collect and comprehensively review maternal deaths through the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Perinatal Quality Collaborative (GaPQC) is a network of perinatal stakeholders committed to leading the statewide implementation of equitable, evidence-based, quality improvement initiatives; and
- WHEREAS:** Seventy-eight percent of Georgia Birthing hospitals participate in the GaPQC's maternal patient safety initiatives and use research, quality improvement and the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) national initiative to improve health outcomes for mothers and infants; and
- WHEREAS:** During the 2018 session, the Georgia General Assembly allocated \$2,000,000 to the Department of Public Health for maternal mortality prevention, which provided funding to support the implementation of AIM hemorrhage and hypertension patient safety bundles in 16 rural birthing facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has also seen collaborative improvements, demonstrating an overall reduction of 8 percent in Severe Maternal Morbidity among patients experiencing a maternal hemorrhage and an overall reduction of 14 percent among patients experiencing severe hypertension without requiring blood transfusion; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is making strides towards optimal outcomes for Georgia mothers and babies through perinatal regionalization, supporting maternal mental health; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia seeks to bring awareness to maternal health and continue its work to improve the quality of care and outcomes for all Georgia mothers and infants; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2022 as MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

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 January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

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CHIEF OF STAFF