



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### RECOVERY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and
- WHEREAS:** Recovery from alcohol and other drug use occurs every day through a variety of recovery support resources and treatment programs; and
- WHEREAS:** Prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover across Georgia and around the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Millions of people across the United States are in long-term recovery living happy, healthy, and productive lives, The 2022 Recovery Month theme, "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community," reminds people in recovery and those who support them that no one is alone in the journey through recovery. Everyone's journey is different, but we are all in this together; and
- WHEREAS:** Education about recovery and addiction is essential to combating the stigma and discrimination faced by people in recovery is needed by all Georgians including public health and safety officials, the workforce, older adults, and families; and
- WHEREAS:** To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia, the Association of Community Service Boards, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association, the Georgia Association of Recovery Residencies, and the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, invite all residents of the State of Georgia to participate in National Recovery Month; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2022, as RECOVERY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Mantua Kipatrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF