BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCHOOL-BASED SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS WEEK

WHEREAS: School-based speech language pathologists represent a community of thousands of professionals who dedicate their lives to helping children in need and providing support in schools across the state; and

WHEREAS: Speech language pathologists are highly trained professionals who follow strict ethics policies and maintain certification by demonstrating active and ongoing professional development; and

WHEREAS: Speech language pathologists work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders. In fulfilling this critical role, speech language pathologists help students develop effective speaking and listening skills, tools which prove fundamental for success in personal, academic, and professional relationships; and

WHEREAS: Speech language pathologists are crucial to each school’s special education team and are invaluable support resources for classroom teachers, guidance counselors, and parents; and

WHEREAS: School-based speech language pathologists statewide have had a lasting impact on future generations by both providing exemplary speech-language services to local schools and catering to the individual needs of Georgia’s students across all levels of education; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of March 7-11, 2022, as SCHOOL-BASED SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF