



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SENIOR HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The health and safety of all seniors in Georgia is important to the growth, prosperity, and well-being of our state's families, communities, and economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of April is Senior Hunger Awareness Month, which provides an opportunity for communities across Georgia to focus on the persistent problem of senior hunger and mobilize a movement to help end senior hunger in our state; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the latest report on the State of Senior Hunger from Feeding America, one in 12 seniors in Georgia do not know how they will purchase their next balanced meal; and
- WHEREAS:** Food insecure seniors tend to have lower nutrient intake, lower diet quality, more chronic health conditions, poorer self-reported health status, lengthened hospital stays and greater hospital readmissions, cost-related medication non-adherence, and out-of-pocket medical expenses; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia State Plan to Address Senior Hunger outlines recommendations and coordinated efforts led by the Georgia Department of Human Services' Division of Aging Services to raise awareness and seek solutions; and
- WHEREAS:** The state's twelve Area Agencies on Aging, aging services providers, food banks, farmers markets, volunteers, and generous community partners are committed to addressing senior hunger across Georgia's 159 counties; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as SENIOR HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Sharon Kipertovich

CHIEF OF STAFF