BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVOCACY DAY

WHEREAS: In the United States, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 10–34-year-olds, the 4th leading cause of death for 35–44-year-olds, and the 12th leading cause of death for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS: 1,569 Georgians died by suicide in 2020, leaving behind an estimated 211,000 citizens directly affected by the loss of those people, including more than 39,000 friends and family members whose lives are forever altered; and

WHEREAS: Voices for Prevention in Georgia celebrates March 30, 2022 as Suicide Advocacy Day to bring awareness to the risks and educational tools that help prevent suicides from occurring; and

WHEREAS: Professional counseling contributes to the growth and development of people across their life spans and assists them in achieving their full human, educational, and career potential; and

WHEREAS: Citizens can utilize the services of professional counselors in schools, colleges, mental health agencies, community agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice, and other delivery settings; and

WHEREAS: It is important to realize counseling is a tool that is useful to everyone. It is crucial to offer these tools to Georgians to get them the help they need to prevent suicides from occurring; now

 THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2022, as SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVOCACY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF