



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia celebrates the extraordinary progress in heart health while recognizing there are still further steps to be taken to safeguard heart health for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS:** Heart disease is the number 1 killer of Americans and Georgians, with over 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the U.S. and an estimated over 8,700 in Georgia in 2021; and
- WHEREAS:** The best outcomes for survival from cardiac arrest depend mostly upon immediate bystander-initiated CPR and an early shock from an automatic external defibrillator, but less than 40% of cardiac arrest victims outside of a hospital receive bystander-initiated CPR and less than 11% of victims receive a shock from a bystander-initiated public access AED; and
- WHEREAS:** Keeping Georgians healthy and promoting awareness of health issues, including heart disease, is an important responsibility, so Georgians are encouraged to take action to make heart health a priority for their communities, their families, and themselves; to become aware of their risk of heart disease and cardiac arrest; and to work together to promote better outcomes in heart health for all Georgians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as AMERICAN HEART MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Mantua Kipetrich

CHIEF OF STAFF