



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Breastfeeding lays a foundation for health in life. One of the most effective measures a mother/caregiver can take to protect the life of their infant, is to breastfeed; and
- WHEREAS:** Breast milk is easily digested and contains maternal antibodies that pass to the infant. These antibodies help to protect against illness, including diabetes, ear infections and allergies. Breastfeeding has also been shown to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS:** Support from the lactation professionals, the community, healthcare providers, employers, and family members is needed to increase public awareness of the benefits and the acceptance of breastfeeding; and
- WHEREAS:** Breastfeeding is a resource naturally provided to new mothers, offering many infants who are breastfed a foundation for continued health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** Breastfeeding is recommended as the optimal nutrition for infants by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the U.S. Surgeon General, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecologists and the Georgia Department of Public Health; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2023, as BREASTFEEDING 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF