

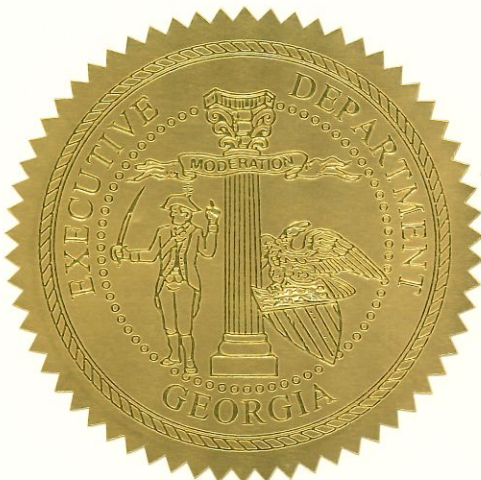
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Children are our most valuable resource, and they are also our most vulnerable. All of Georgia's children have a right to be safe and an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow in an environment that fosters healthy development; and
- WHEREAS:** Child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Georgia's families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, and providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds, and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Strong and nurturing communities — where all children grow up safe, people have jobs and provide for those they love, and families receive the care they deserve — strengthen families and promote child, family, and community well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** Effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created within communities among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business sector; and
- WHEREAS:** By providing a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for our children, free of violence, abuse, and neglect, we can ensure that Georgia's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Sharon K. Rife*

CHIEF OF STAFF