

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS:	Children are our future and their mental health is the heart of wellness in Georgia; and
WHEREAS:	A disproportionate number of children and adolescents with mental disorders do not receive needed mental health treatment which increases the risk of out of home placement, involvement with juvenile justice, or the risk of dropping out of school and/or other negative outcomes; and
WHEREAS:	With early identification and access to appropriate resiliency-building services, support, and treatment, children and youth of all ages and races can go on to live productive and satisfying lives; and
WHEREAS:	Today's world makes issues such as social isolation, fear of the unknown, increased anxiety, and depression for children and adolescents and their families daily realities, making access to mental health services even more important; now
THEREFORE:	I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

May 1-7, 2023, as CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK in Georgia.

