



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Each year, Georgia faces destructive forces from hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or, even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and
- WHEREAS:** Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes; and
- WHEREAS:** These predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their exposure; and
- WHEREAS:** Insurance fraud adds 5 to 10 percent to claims expenses paid for by insurers and consumers; and
- WHEREAS:** It is imperative an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes, and provide methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Georgians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Insurance Crime Bureau and its local and state partners in Georgia, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Georgians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 22 – 26, 2023, as CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

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