



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CORRECTIONAL NURSES WEEK

**WHEREAS:** The week of May 6 – 12, 2023 has been designated as National Nurses Week across the country; and

**WHEREAS:** Correctional nurses in Georgia were instrumental in utilizing the first Electronic Health Records system in a correctional setting for the State of Georgia, which is instantaneously available online to medical professionals across the State and correctional nurses play a daily vital role in keying in pertinent health information that is critically needed; and

**WHEREAS:** Correctional Nurses perform physical evaluations, handle case management, assist in examining patients, assess offenders' response to medication, observe patient improvement, provide first aid and emergency care, obtain samples and perform diagnostic testing, and assist physicians; and

**WHEREAS:** The job of a correctional nurse requires strict attention to detail, critical thinking, and great communication; however, although nurses may be faced with strenuous tasks and long hours as a normal part of their daily routine, the majority of nurses always say that it is still a rewarding career that they are proud to be a part of in helping individuals receive quality healthcare; and

**WHEREAS:** Correctional Nurses are extraordinary individuals that have compassion to handle prison populations that are affected by chronic conditions and infectious diseases; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2023, as CORRECTIONAL NURSES WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Brandon Kipferich*

CHIEF OF STAFF