



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

FOSTER CARE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Families serve as the primary source of love and support for children and youth, and the State of Georgia thrives when children are in safe and loving homes; and
- WHEREAS:** In Georgia, there are approximately 11,500 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, loving, and stable home by compassionate foster families; and
- WHEREAS:** There is currently a great need for more foster families, especially those willing to take older children, children with complex needs, and sibling groups; and
- WHEREAS:** Foster, kinship, and adoptive families who open their hearts and homes and support children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby helping launch young people into successful adulthoods; and
- WHEREAS:** The Kemp Administration, Georgia Department of Human Services, Georgia General Assembly, and others have prioritized foster care reform, committing funds and passing legislation to decrease the burden on foster families and create opportunities for new foster families; and
- WHEREAS:** We celebrate the families who foster and provide supportive homes for children, and honor the many organizations and individuals throughout Georgia who work to provide important services to address the needs of children and families throughout the foster care system; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as FOSTER CARE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF