



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Bullying is the action of physically, verbally, sexually, or emotionally harming another person or group of people with repeated, unwanted words or actions; and
- WHEREAS:** Bullying is an issue that occurs not only in neighborhoods, playgrounds, and schools, but also virtually on mobile devices or social media platforms. It can make everyday activities, such as riding the bus, going to school, interacting online, and attending community activities, increasingly difficult; and
- WHEREAS:** Across the country, bullying is considered one of the most common forms of violence, affecting thousands of Georgia children and adolescents annually; and
- WHEREAS:** Young targets of bullying are at an increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, and lower academic achievement. Adult targets of bullying are at an increased risk to suffer from stress, anxiety, depression, loss of confidence, sleep loss, headaches, muscle pain, less interest to socialize, and lack of professional growth; and
- WHEREAS:** Persons who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors and hate crimes in their future. On the contrary, persons who witness bullying often feel less safe, intimidated, and helpless to stop it; and
- WHEREAS:** The Corderos, organizer of Community Watch and Community Advocacy Resources, form partnerships with Fearfully and Beautifully Made Fitness, law enforcement, schools, and government officials to help reduce bullying. The PACERS organization is also committed to this agenda by promoting, advocating, and hosting community activities to foster a safe environment; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages its citizens to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all adolescents; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as NATIONAL BULLYING 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 6th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF