



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

- WHEREAS:** Injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to U.S. children ages 1 to 18 and are a significant problem in Georgia, as the State ranks in the top five across the United States for unintentional injury deaths in children ages 0-18; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children. The hospitals, state agencies and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting safe practices; and
- WHEREAS:** There are two dedicated pediatric trauma centers, within the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta system, in Georgia, that see injured children every day; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has established several laws and policies regarding injury prevention, such as those requiring passenger safety seats, seat belts and personal flotation devices for children and youth; and
- WHEREAS:** There are several prevention-focused organizations, such as Safe Kids Georgia and Injury Free Coalition for Kids, working hard to prevent injuries and fatalities in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia commends Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and all involved individuals in their endeavor to protect children from injury. National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries among children; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 18th, 2023 as NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF

