



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POISON PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** America's Poison Centers report that each year, nearly three million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, the Georgia Poison Center handled over 70,000 poison exposure calls, of which, over 40% involved children under the age of six; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite the best efforts of poison center services, community organizations, and the use of child-resistant safety packages, poisoning is still a leading cause of injury-related death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous household cleaning products, medications, insect and animal bites, cosmetics, pesticides, and foreign bodies; and
- WHEREAS:** To reduce the incidence and impact of poisoning in Georgia, all residents are encouraged to learn about the valuable lifesaving resources available from poison centers, and to learn the Poison Help line number 1.800.222.1222 that is open for care 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 19-25, 2023, as POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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