



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

REENTRY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Over 4.2 million Georgians have a criminal record on file with the Georgia Crime Information Center resulting in them facing collateral consequences of their incarceration; and
- WHEREAS:** Returning to the community after incarceration is a difficult transition, and an effective reentry process is vital to providing those in Georgia's corrections systems with renewed opportunities for success; and
- WHEREAS:** Reentry empowers returning citizens to refrain from crime and incentivizes law-abiding behavior, thus supporting public safety throughout the State; and
- WHEREAS:** Supporting and bringing awareness to reentry restores families, builds stronger communities, and eliminates obstacles that prevent returning citizens from finding meaningful employment and housing; and
- WHEREAS:** By eliminating negative stigmas associated with having a criminal record and promoting compassion and kindness, we can help returning citizens strive for brighter futures; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's efforts in providing pathways to remove barriers to employment and housing and to offering returning citizens access to resources that assist and support them upon reentry are commendable; and
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 2023, as REENTRY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

M. Kilpatrick

CHIEF OF STAFF