



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### SENIOR HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The health and safety of all seniors in Georgia is important to the growth, prosperity, and well-being of our state's families, communities, and economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of April is recognized as Senior Hunger Awareness Month, which provides an opportunity for communities across Georgia to focus on the persistent problem of senior hunger and to mobilize a movement to help end senior hunger in our state; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the latest report on the State of Senior Hunger from Feeding America, Georgia is ranked 9th in the number of food insecure seniors in the nation, meaning 1 in 12 seniors do not know how they will purchase their next balanced meal; and
- WHEREAS:** Food insecure seniors tend to have lower nutrient intakes, lower diet quality, more chronic health conditions, poorer self-reported health status, lengthened hospital stays and greater hospital readmissions, cost-related medication non-adherence, and out-of-pocket medical expenses; and
- WHEREAS:** The state's twelve Area Agencies on Aging, aging services providers, food banks, farmers markets, volunteers, and generous community partners are committed to addressing senior hunger across Georgia's 159 counties; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as SENIOR HUNGER 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kipfer*

CHIEF OF STAFF