



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Millions of Americans face physical and emotional abuse at the hands of their significant other each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Domestic violence defined as abusive behavior in a personal relationship, and in a lifetime 1 in 4 of women and 1 in 7 men experience severe violence at the hands of an intimate partner; and
- WHEREAS:** These crimes violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, making it all the more important for state, local, and community partners to work to eliminate this type of abuse and to provide necessary services, including emergency shelter, advocacy education, awareness, and resources to ensure that all victims are empowered to achieve self-sufficiency; and
- WHEREAS:** Domestic violence can affect anyone regardless of their age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status, leaving an impact on thousands of individuals and families across Georgia over the years; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations across Georgia are working to end domestic violence and provide the support survivors need to find their voice, while law enforcement remains committed to ensuring justice is served to individuals who harm those who trust them; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2024, as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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