



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The mission of the Family Court Awareness Month is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children; and
- WHEREAS:** Family Court Awareness Month is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the conservatively estimated, 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with abusive parents, while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered during visitation with a dangerous parent; and
- WHEREAS:** Family Court Awareness Month seeks to increase awareness on the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence and child abuse for judges and all professionals working on cases within the family court system, as well as the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value; and
- WHEREAS:** Family Court Awareness Month strives to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children; and
- WHEREAS:** Residents of the State of Georgia are encouraged to support their local community efforts to prevent the harm of children at the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2024, as FAMILY COURT 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 29th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF