



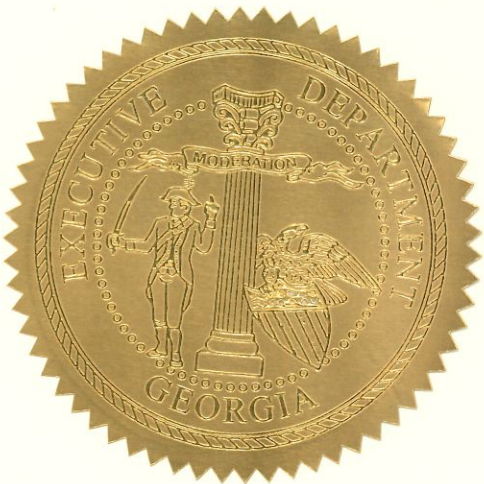
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA POISON PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** America's Poison Centers reports that each year, over two million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, the Georgia Poison Center handled over 70,000 human poison exposure calls, of which, nearly 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 the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous substances such as medications, household cleaning products, dietary supplements, vitamins, pesticides, and bites and envenomation; and
- WHEREAS:** In an effort to reduce the incidence and impact of poisoning in Georgia, all residents are encouraged to learn about the valuable lifesaving, cost effective resources available from poison centers, learn the Poison Help line number, 1.800.222.1222, and be aware that services are provided by healthcare professionals, which are available 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 17-23, 2024, as GEORGIA 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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