



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** For more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months at home, surrounded by their loved ones; and
- WHEREAS:** Beyond providing physical treatment, hospice attends to the patient's emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services such as respite care and bereavement counseling; and
- WHEREAS:** Since its conception, the hospice benefit's holistic approach has helped patients prepare for and face death, and their loved ones carry on supported in the wake of it; and
- WHEREAS:** Palliative care improves quality of life and offers relief from pain, can be provided at any time during an illness, and hospices are some of the best providers of community-based palliative care; and
- WHEREAS:** 1.72 million Medicare beneficiaries living with life-limiting illness and their families received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States in 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** Palliative care improves quality of life and offers relief from pain, can be provided at any time during an illness, and hospices are some of the best providers of community-based palliative care. The central philosophy of hospice care puts patients first, ensuring a coordinated and person-centered approach to care, protecting patient choice and access to individualized services based on a patient's unique care needs and wishes; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2024, as HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE 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 October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

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