



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### REUNIFICATION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Foster care is intended to be a temporary intervention for children who need the safety and security of an out-of-home placement; and
- WHEREAS:** Reunification takes work, commitment, and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, caregivers, service providers, judicial members, and other community members; and
- WHEREAS:** Whenever possible, keeping families together in their home is an important goal for Georgia families, and all children and youth deserve to be safe; children do best when raised in families; and
- WHEREAS:** For most children in foster care, reunification with their family is their best option for a permanent and loving home; and
- WHEREAS:** All children need the care, love, security, and stability of family unity, including parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 2100 children exited foster care via reunification in 2023; and
- WHEREAS:** The accomplishments of families who have overcome an array of challenges to reunify safely and successfully should be supported and celebrated; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2024, as REUNIFICATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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