



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SENIOR HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: The health and safety of all seniors in Georgia is important to the growth, prosperity, and well-being of our state's families, communities, and economy; and

WHEREAS: The month of April is Senior Hunger Awareness Month, which provides an opportunity for communities across Georgia to focus on the serious problem of senior hunger and to mobilize a movement to help end senior hunger in our state; and

WHEREAS: According to the latest report on the State of Senior Hunger from Feeding America, Georgia is ranked 9th in the percentage of food insecure seniors in the nation, meaning 1 in 12 seniors do not know how they will purchase their next balanced meal; and

WHEREAS: Food insecure seniors tend to have more chronic health conditions, poorer self-reported health status, lengthened hospital stays and greater hospital readmissions, and greater out-of-pocket medical expenses; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia State Plan to Address Senior Hunger outlines recommendations and coordinated efforts led by the Department of Human Services' Division of Aging Services to raise awareness and seek solutions. The state's twelve Area Agencies on Aging, aging services providers, food banks, farmers markets, volunteers, and generous community partners are committed to addressing senior hunger across Georgia's 159 counties; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as SENIOR HUNGER 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 13th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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