

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## **CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK**

WHEREAS:

The health, safety, and well-being of Georgians are often dependent on the commitment of all first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, safety service patrol operators, DOT and public works crews, and tow operators who respond to traffic incidents and conduct valuable and often life-saving operations on the roadside; and

WHEREAS:

These on-scene personnel provide critical public service and are called to duty at all hours of day and night, in adverse conditions, and in a dangerous roadside environment; and

WHEREAS:

Many traffic incident management responders are seriously injured or lose their lives each year while performing their duties as a result of being struck by speeding, impaired, drowsy, or distracted motorists and motorists who are not aware of Georgia's Hands Free and Move Over laws; and

WHEREAS:

Responder and response vehicle strikes also result in life-altering injury or death of the involved motorist and passengers, and place upstream road users at greater risk of a crash; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Georgia's Move Over law exists as a commitment to protecting the traffic incident management responders who are at the scene of roadway crashes; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Georgia asks all road users to do their part in keeping everyone who responds to traffic incidents safe by adhering to posted speed limits, following the Hands Free and Move Over laws, and by driving safely; now

THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 17-21, 2025, as CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY 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 October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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