

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

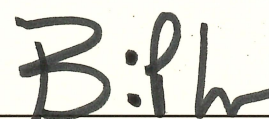
## A PROCLAMATION

### CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Victims, including the most vulnerable in our society, are touched by violent crime every day, and thousands of Georgians become victims of crime each year. These victims may suffer emotional, physical, psychological, and financial hardship because of their victimization; and
- WHEREAS:** It is essential to support the voices of victims in Georgia and recognize their importance to the criminal justice process. As such, in the State of Georgia, more than 35 years of progress for crime victims comes because of dedicated state personnel, victim advocates, law enforcement, service providers, and brave victims who overcame adversity to regain their voice; and
- WHEREAS:** The concept of kinship underscores the connections that build bridges to support, services, and shared strength among survivors, advocates, and communities and is the foundation of victim advocacy, inspiring trauma-informed care that meets survivors where they are; and
- WHEREAS:** Through kinship, we build peer networks and community alliances that empower survivors, foster resilience, and offer pathways to healing. Kinship reminds us of the strength that comes from connection, the importance of listening to every voice, and the power we have to create lasting change when we work together; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is joining with victim services programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Georgia and the United States of America to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and
- WHEREAS:** During Crime Victims' Rights Week, all Georgians are asked to remember the victims who have suffered at the hands of criminals and acknowledge those who have selflessly and tirelessly aided crime victims to help those most affected by crime; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 6 - 12, 2025, as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

  
CHIEF OF STAFF