



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA POISON PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** America's Poison Centers reports that each year, over two million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2024, the Georgia Poison Center handled over 73,000 human poison exposure calls, of which, 38% involved children under the age of six and 30% involved adults ages 20-59 years old; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite the best efforts of poison center services, community organizations, and the use of child-resistant safety packages, poisoning is still the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous substances such as medications, household cleaning products, dietary supplements, vitamins, pesticides, and bites and envenomation; and
- WHEREAS:** In an effort to reduce the incidence and impact of poisoning in Georgia, all residents are encouraged to learn about the valuable, lifesaving, and cost-effective resources from the Poison Help line number, 1.800.222.1222, available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 16-22, 2025, as GEORGIA POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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