



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Children are critical to Georgia's future success, prosperity, and quality of life. While children are our greatest gift, they are also our most vulnerable. All children have the right to live in an environment that allows them to thrive, learn, and grow; and
- WHEREAS:** Preventing child abuse is a shared responsibility that hinges on a need for family support, prevention conversations, and partnership development; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Human Services' Division of Family & Children Services' Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Plan, "A Vision for Child & Family Well-being in Georgia," outlines the vision that all of Georgia's children and families should have the opportunity to grow and thrive in safe, stable, connected, and nurturing communities where they can live, learn, work, and play; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is committed to supporting families, educating the public about effective child abuse prevention strategies, and prioritizing partnerships among citizens, state and local governments, human services and family support agencies, schools, faith communities, law enforcement agencies, and health care providers; and
- WHEREAS:** Child abuse is preventable, and by providing children with a safe, nurturing environment, free of violence, abuse, and neglect, we can ensure that Georgia's children will grow as the next generation of leaders, securing the future of this state and our nation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April, 2026, as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

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