



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

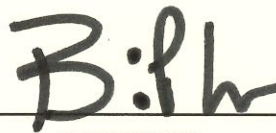
A PROCLAMATION

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Our health, safety, and well-being 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 the 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 Slow Down, Move Over laws. 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:** O.C.G.A. § 40-6-16 requires motorists in Georgia to move over and slow down demonstrating Georgia's commitment to protecting the traffic incident management responders who are at the scene of roadway crashes; and
- WHEREAS:** O.C.G.A. § 40-6-275 requires motorists in Georgia involved in minor wrecks with no apparent serious personal injury or death to move operatable vehicles out of travel lanes to improve road user and responder safety; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia asks all road users to do their part in keeping everyone who responds to traffic incidents safe by first always driving safely and then ensuring to slow down, move over for first responders and if you can steer it, clear it from the travel lanes; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2-6, 2026, 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 7th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF