



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

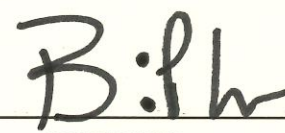
A PROCLAMATION

FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The courts of this State exercising jurisdiction over family matters — including superior courts in proceedings for divorce, custody, and visitation, and juvenile courts in proceedings involving dependency and family violence — make among the most consequential decisions any court makes regarding the safety of a child; and
- WHEREAS:** Researchers estimate that more than 58,000 children each year are ordered by courts into unsupervised contact with a dangerous parent following divorce or separation. The period immediately following separation is the most dangerous time for victims of family violence and for their children; and
- WHEREAS:** The Center for Judicial Excellence has documented 944 children in the United States killed by a parent or parental figure since 2008 in circumstances involving divorce, separation, custody, visitation, or child support. In a significant number of those cases, a court had been informed in advance of a documented history of violence; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia affirmed its commitment to the safety of children in these proceedings through the passage of Ridge's Law in 2025. Ongoing, evidence-based training for judges, custody evaluators, guardians ad litem, and court personnel on family violence, coercive control, and the effects of trauma on children is essential to protecting Georgia's children; and
- WHEREAS:** Protective parents who raise safety concerns deserve to be heard on the evidence, and children deserve to be believed; and
- WHEREAS:** Family Court Awareness Month, observed nationally each November and recognized in 267 jurisdictions across 26 states, invites courts, legislators, advocates, and communities to work toward a system in which the safety and well-being of children is the first consideration. Hot Pink Day, observed on the third Wednesday of November, encourages Georgians to wear pink in visible recognition of the children whose safety depends on these courts; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November, 2026, as FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia, and November 18, 2026, as HOT PINK DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF