



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Families are the primary source of love and support for children and youth, and the State of Georgia thrives when children are in safe and loving homes; and
- WHEREAS:** In Georgia, there are approximately 11,377 children and youth in foster care being provided with caring and stable homes by compassionate foster families; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a need for more foster families, especially those with a desire to take older children, children with complex needs, and sibling groups; and
- WHEREAS:** All Georgians can support positive outcomes for our children and families through engagement that is not merely limited to answering the call to foster; and
- WHEREAS:** Foster, kinship, and adoptive families who open their hearts and homes to support children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby helping launch young people into successful adulthoods; and
- WHEREAS:** The Kemp Administration, Georgia General Assembly, Georgia Department of Human Services, and others have prioritized foster care reform, committed funds and passed legislation to decrease the burden on foster families and create opportunities for new foster families; and
- WHEREAS:** We celebrate the families who foster and provide supportive homes for children, and honor the many organizations and individuals throughout Georgia who provide important services to address the needs of children and families in the foster care system; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Laura M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF