



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS DAY

- WHEREAS:** National Addiction Professionals Day is part of National Recovery Month, established in 1992 by the NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, to commemorate the vital work of addiction professionals; and
- WHEREAS:** National Addiction Professionals Day aims to increase awareness and understanding of the powerful work of addiction professionals to assist individuals with substance use disorders to achieve and sustain recovery; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Association for Addiction Professionals work with over 3,000 active addiction professionals working tirelessly to improve lives and make Georgia communities safer and substance-free. Addiction professionals empower individuals to overcome addiction and rebuild their lives by providing critical care and support; and
- WHEREAS:** Addiction professionals are committed to providing compassionate and quality care and instill hope for long-term recovery in countless youth, adults, and families. They also effectively individualize treatment and recovery support as a means of assisting each person to follow a path toward successful recovery; and
- WHEREAS:** Addiction professionals combat stigma and discrimination associated with substance use disorders by raising awareness, using scientifically-sound counseling methods, and treating individuals with dignity and respect. They maintain the highest degree of competence and ethical practice to inspire and promote an individual's health and wellness; and
- WHEREAS:** GACA - the Georgia Association for Addiction Professionals are dedicated to enhancing the lives of Georgia citizens through prevention, treatment, and recovery; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2026, as NATIONAL ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF