



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PEST MANAGEMENT MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Effective pest management is essential to protecting public health, safeguarding our food supply, preserving property, and maintaining the quality of life in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Pests such as rodents, insects and other invasive species can transmit diseases, contaminate food sources, damage structures, and disrupt ecosystems when left unmanaged; and
- WHEREAS:** The science and practice of pest management have advanced significantly, emphasizing integrated approaches that prioritize prevention, environmental responsibility, and the safety of people, pets, and wildlife; and
- WHEREAS:** The pest management professionals, over 12,000 in Georgia, play a vital role in implementing those practices, providing expertise, education, and services that help residents, businesses, and institutions maintain healthy and sustainable environments; and
- WHEREAS:** Public awareness and proactive action are key to reducing pest-related risks, encouraging communities to adopt proper sanitation, maintenance, and prevention strategies; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing Pest Management Month highlights the importance of this essential work impacting all Georgians and honors the individuals, companies and organizations such as the Georgia Pest Control Association (GPCA) dedicated to protecting our homes, workplaces, and natural spaces; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as PEST MANAGEMENT MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



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