



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS: America's Poison Centers reports that each year, over two million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States; and

WHEREAS: In 2025, the Georgia Poison Center handled over 75,000 human poison exposure calls, of which, 39% involved children under the age of six and 30% involved adults ages twenty to fifty-nine years old; and

WHEREAS: Despite the best efforts of poison center services, community organizations, and the use of child-resistant safety packages, poisoning is still the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS: It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous substances such as medications, household cleaning products, dietary supplements, vitamins, pesticides, and bites and envenomation; and

WHEREAS: It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the many services provided by poison centers and understand that the poison center provides telephone emergency service as well as information service; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to reduce the incidence and impact of poisoning in Georgia, all residents are encouraged to learn about the valuable lifesaving, cost effective resources available from poison centers, learn the Poison Help line number, 1.800.222.1222, and be aware that services are provided by healthcare professionals, which are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 15-21, 2026, as POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

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



A handwritten signature of Brian P. Kemp.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

A handwritten signature of Lauren M. Curry.

CHIEF OF STAFF