



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** October has been nationally designated as Substance Use Prevention Month, highlighting the vital role of preventing substance misuse, supporting recovery, and reducing stigma in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The misuse of alcohol, prescription medications, opioids, and other substances presents serious challenges to the health and safety of individuals and families across Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Evidence-based prevention education, early intervention, and community support are essential to delaying the onset of substance use, particularly among youth - with earlier initiation often leading to higher risks of addiction; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, The Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Voices for Prevention, The American Addiction Recovery Association, Georgia Overdose Prevention, The CWC Alliance, The Georgia Prevention Project, The Georgia College Prevention Project, The Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Beyond the Bell, The Georgia Association of Recovery Residences, The Georgia Association of Addiction Professionals, Georgians for Responsible Marijuana Policy, The Georgia Council for Recovery, The Center for Pan Asian Community Services, The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, NAMI - Georgia, The Georgia Harm Reduction Coalition, The Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia, and numerous local coalitions, schools, law enforcement, health professionals, faith leaders, families, and recovery advocates across Georgia are working tirelessly to strengthen protective factors, reduce risks, educate the public, and foster environments that support healthy, substance-free lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS:** Community-engaged prevention efforts demonstrate the power of collective action in supporting education, safe use, proper disposal, and conversations about substances; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2026, as SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF