



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**BETTER SPEECH**  
**AND HEARING MONTH**

**WHEREAS:** Communication disorders affect approximately 40 million citizens, swallowing disorders affect 1 in 25 adults, and hearing impairment affects approximately 48 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia currently has more than 4,500 licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists providing services to these individuals; and

**WHEREAS:** Audiologists and speech-language pathologists provide the services necessary to prevent, identify, and treat various communication, swallowing, and hearing disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** Audiologists and speech-language pathologists across the State of Georgia celebrate Better Speech and Hearing Month during the month of May; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF