BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BLOOD DONATION DAY

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS: Low blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS: One blood donation can help up to three patients. Although it is estimated that thirty-eight percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, less than ten percent do; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is home to many public service organizations that are committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS: Georgia Blood Donation Day serves as an important reminder that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2019 as BLOOD DONATION DAY 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 August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen and I urge all Georgians to support local blood drives so that we may save lives and protect our citizens.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF