



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Violent crimes occur each day and affect not only victims, but also the families and communities of those involved; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and
- WHEREAS:** This commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, thousands of Georgia citizens are the victims of violent crimes. Those affected by violent crimes may suffer emotional, physical, psychological, or financial hardships as a result of victimization; and
- WHEREAS:** With the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and
- WHEREAS:** Victim assistance and compensation programs nationwide provide valuable services to support individuals, families, and communities in the recovery process. Through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Congress continues to reaffirm our nation's commitment to supporting victims of crime through the establishment of the Crime Victims Fund, which provides substantial financial resources for services and compensation to victims of crime across Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** During Crime Victims' Rights Week, Georgia citizens are encouraged to remember those who have been affected by violent crimes, while also recognizing the efforts of individuals across the state who are dedicated to assisting victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is proud to be home to state personnel, victim advocates, law enforcement, service providers, and brave victims who, for more than three decades, have demonstrated a commitment to helping those affected by crime regain their voice and improve self-esteem; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019, as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to reaffirm their commitment to supporting victims of crime.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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