



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities works with a broad coalition of individuals, family members, community groups, organizations, and governmental entities to improve the quality of life for Georgians with developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS:** The Council has successfully brought about greater public support and awareness of disability-related issues and concerns; and
- WHEREAS:** The Council is charged with creating change for Georgians with developmental disabilities and provides a forum and resource to promote vision, values, goals and a mission of “Real Homes, Real Careers, Real Support, Real Learning, and Real Influence” for people with developmental disabilities and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** A developmental disability is defined as a life-long, severe, and chronic intellectual or physical impairment that manifests itself before a person reaches the age of twenty-two and results in substantial functional limitations in at least three areas of life activities, including self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, and economic self-sufficiency; and
- WHEREAS:** There are more than 185,000 Georgians with developmental disabilities who benefit directly and indirectly from the professional initiatives and collaboration coordinated by the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities and its large network of individuals, organizations, and agencies; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF