BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

EYE DONATION MONTH

WHEREAS: Sight is one of our most powerful senses, and many Georgians should recognize that it is within their power to give someone else the ability to see; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of Eye Donation Month is to alert Georgians to the power and opportunity they possess to give the gift of sight; and

WHEREAS: Eye donation for research has the potential to restore sight to those suffering from certain types of blindness, and over 50,000 Georgians have received the gift of sight from an eye donor; and

WHEREAS: Eye donation can give comfort and a sense of purpose to grieving families; and

WHEREAS: Eye donation for corneal transplantation restores useful vision to those suffering from corneal blindness, and

WHEREAS: Approximately 1,600 sight-restoring cornea transplants are performed every year in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Eye donation is one of the most selfless gifts we can provide to our fellow citizens, and

WHEREAS: It is vitally important to discuss with our loved ones and family our desire and decision to donate; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as EYE DONATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF