



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means, including force, abduction, fraud, or coercion, for an improper purpose, such as forced labor or sexual exploitation; and
- WHEREAS:** Human trafficking is an imminent threat domestically and internationally. Currently, there are 1.5 million people in our country who are human trafficking victims, most of which are children. The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently named Atlanta as one of fourteen cities with abnormally high rates of human trafficking and child prostitution; and
- WHEREAS:** According to Shared Grace International, 100,000 to 300,000 American children risk sex trafficking victimization each year. Street Grace, a faith-based organization on a mission to end human trafficking, estimates that this illegal enterprise represents a \$290 million industry in Georgia alone; and
- WHEREAS:** Sadly, federal, state, and local law enforcement officials agree that Super Bowl LIII may result in increased cases of human trafficking. Georgians and visitors in our state for Super Bowl LIII are encouraged to immediately report suspected criminal activity and human trafficking to law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals may also call the toll-free, 24/7 National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 (SMS: 233733) or Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking at 1-844-842-3678. These tools are accessible in over 100 languages, and reports are anonymous and confidential; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2019 to February 2, 2019 as HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF