



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LOOK AGAIN DAY

- WHEREAS:** In the past decade, eighteen children in Georgia have died of heatstroke in cars, largely due to the negligence of the caregiver; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2018, the number of children who died in hot cars in the U.S. was the highest number since 1998; and
- WHEREAS:** On average, 38 children die each year in the U.S. because of heatstroke in hot cars. It takes only ten minutes for the temperature inside a car to rise by 19 degrees to dangerous and even deadly temperatures; and
- WHEREAS:** Children are more vulnerable to heatstroke because they cannot exit a vehicle on their own; are often unable to alert others for help; and their body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's; and
- WHEREAS:** Children can die from vehicular heatstroke even when cared for by loving, well-intentioned parents and caregivers if they lack knowledge of or disregard simple reminders to ensure their children are not left alone in cars; and
- WHEREAS:** Public awareness of the dangers of vehicular heatstroke and of simple prevention strategies can save lives; and
- WHEREAS:** Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is the state agency responsible for licensing and regulating the child care industry in Georgia and is diligently committed to eliminating child vehicular heatstroke deaths in child care settings, at home, and elsewhere; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2019, as LOOK AGAIN DAY in Georgia and urge all citizens to never leave a child alone in a vehicle, even for a minute.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF