



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MULTI-AGENCY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN DAY

- WHEREAS:** In 1996, several non-profit agencies serving at-risk children founded the Multi-Agency Alliance of Children (MAAC);
- WHEREAS:** Led by the Commissioner of Georgia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and overseen by a board of directors, MAAC utilizes a streamlined continuum of services to address the needs of the child and family through individualized and coordinated care; and
- WHEREAS:** By filling service gaps and building innovative solutions in the child welfare system, MAAC directly affects the lives of approximately 1,000 Georgia foster care youth each month; and
- WHEREAS:** MAAC works closely with the Departments of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Community Health, Education, Human Services and Division of Family and Children's Services, and Juvenile Justice to provide childcare, life skills training, educational support, and medical care to Georgia's children; and
- WHEREAS:** MAAC is Georgia's lead agency for the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative and oversees Georgia EmpowerMENT, the youth-led advocacy and leadership group motivated by improving the foster care system; and
- WHEREAS:** MAAC is also a nationally recognized program serving adolescents in foster care by Youth Thrive, an initiative of the Center for the Study of Social Policy; and
- WHEREAS:** It is appropriate to commemorate the accomplishments of this organization and the provider entities with which it works to care for our youth; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2019, as MULTI-AGENCY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Flinn
CHIEF OF STAFF