



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POISON PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) reports that each year, nearly three million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2018, the Georgia Poison Center handled over 81,000 poisoning related calls, of which, over 43 percent involved children under the age of five; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite the best efforts of poison center services, community organizations, and the use of child-resistant safety packages, poisoning is still the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous household cleaning products, medications, insect and animal bites, cosmetics, pesticides, and foreign bodies; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the many services provided by poison centers and understand that the poison center provides information service as well as telephone emergency service; and
- WHEREAS:** In an effort to reduce the incidence and impact of poisoning in Georgia, all residents are encouraged to learn about the valuable life-saving, cost-effective resources available from poison centers, learn the emergency hotline number 1-800-222-1222, and be aware that telephone services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 17-23, 2019, as POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF