



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### RECOVERY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Behavioral health is an essential part of one's health and overall wellness; and
- WHEREAS:** Recovery from alcohol and other drug use occurs every day through a variety of recovery support resources and treatment programs; and
- WHEREAS:** Prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and individuals in Georgia and across the nation do recover; and
- WHEREAS:** Millions of people across the United States are in long-term recovery, and are living happy, healthy, and productive lives; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is a leader in the peer support movement, an emerging best-practice that has proven to be a cost-effective approach for mental health, addiction, and traumatic challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** We should guide those affected by mental and substance use disorders to seek appropriate treatment and support; and
- WHEREAS:** Education about recovery is essential to combatting the stigma and discrimination faced by people who are recovering, regardless of their backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS:** To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia, the Association of Community Service Boards, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association, the Georgia Association of Recovery Residencies, and the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, invite all residents of the State of Georgia to participate in Georgia Recovery Month; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as RECOVERY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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