



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

REENTRY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Over 2.6 million Georgians have criminal records on file with the Georgia Crime Information Center, with as many as one in four Georgians facing collateral consequences of their incarceration; and
- WHEREAS:** Returning to the community after incarceration is a difficult transition, and an effective reentry process is important to providing those in Georgia's corrections system with renewed opportunities for success; and
- WHEREAS:** Reentry, when fully implemented, empowers returning citizens to refrain from crime and incentivizes law-abiding behavior; and
- WHEREAS:** Supporting and bringing awareness to reentry will bring restoration to families, build stronger communities, and eliminate the obstacles that prevent returning citizens from finding meaningful employment; and
- WHEREAS:** By eliminating the stigmas associated with criminal records and promoting compassion and kindness, we can help returning citizens strive for brighter futures; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has made great strides in becoming a national leader in criminal justice reform. In recent years, the State of Georgia has even been highlighted as one of the eight states with reduced recidivism rates; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 2019 as REENTRY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF