



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SCHOOL NURSE DAY

- WHEREAS:** Students are the future, and by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow. Families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and
- WHEREAS:** All students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting. Students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems that require care in school; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 100 years. School nurses address the home and community factors that impact students' health; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our state's most fragile children. They act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our state's children; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and
- WHEREAS:** School nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2019, as SCHOOL NURSE DAY in Georgia.

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