



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The Special Olympics provides valuable opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to discover and experience the joy and confidence associated with taking part in sporting events. This organization works to build inclusive environments where individuals with similar needs and circumstances can inspire one another to reach new heights; and
- WHEREAS:** Special Olympics Georgia hosts an annual event with more than 27,115 and over 38,000 volunteers. Athletes in the games compete in a wide variety of sports, including swimming events, track and field, soccer, tennis, gymnastics, volleyball and table tennis; and
- WHEREAS:** Special Olympics Georgia invites children and adults to showcase their talents and develop physical fitness in a setting that supports them and gives them the resources to thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Participants share their skills, gifts, and friendship with their families, fellow Special Olympics athletes and the community; and
- WHEREAS:** The Special Olympics Athletes Oath, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," encompasses the spirit and heart of these athletes and provides encouragement for all Georgia citizens; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 17-19, 2019, as SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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