



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### STD AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS:** Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) have displayed a substantial increase in the United States. In 2017, there was a record high of 2.3 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis reported in the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2017, Georgia ranked fourth highest in the nation for cases of infectious syphilis, sixth for chlamydia, ninth for gonorrhea and tenth in congenital syphilis; and

**WHEREAS:** Sexually transmitted diseases can lead to long-term health effects like infertility and can promote HIV transmission; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia joins the rest of the nation in acknowledging STD Awareness Month to raise public awareness about STDs as well as to promote testing, diagnosis, and appropriate treatment; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as STD 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF