BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TOYS FOR TOTS DAY

WHEREAS: Toys for Tots began in 1947 when a group of Marine reservists in Los Angeles, led by Major Bill Hendricks of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, collected and distributed 5,000 toys during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS: Following the success of the inaugural campaign, the Marine Corps officially adopted Toys for Tots, quickly transforming the initiative into a national community action program; and

WHEREAS: Toys for Tots continues to play an active role in the development and well-being of our nation's most valuable resource—our children; and

WHEREAS: In the past nineteen years, Georgians have donated more than eleven million toys to the Toys for Tots program; and

WHEREAS: Toys for Tots Day provides an important opportunity for Georgians to unite in a common cause to make the holiday season brighter for economically disadvantaged children; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 12, 2019 as TOYS FOR TOTS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.