BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

WHEREAS: Communication disorders affect approximately 40 million citizens, swallowing disorders affect 1 in 25 adults, and hearing impairment affects approximately 48 million Americans; and

WHEREAS: Georgia currently has more than 4,500 licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists providing services to these individuals; and

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech-language pathologists provide the services necessary to prevent, identify, and treat various communication, swallowing, and hearing disorders; and

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech-language pathologists across the State of Georgia celebrate Better Speech and Hearing Month during the month of May; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH 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 May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF