BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS: The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) reports that each year, nearly three million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States; and

WHEREAS: In 2018, the Georgia Poison Center handled over 81,000 poisoning related calls, of which, over 45 percent involved children under the age of five; and

WHEREAS: Despite the best efforts of poison center services, community organizations, and the use of child-resistant safety packages, poisoning is still the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States; and

WHEREAS: It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous household cleaning products, medications, insect and animal bites, cosmetics, pesticides, and foreign bodies; and

WHEREAS: It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the many services provided by poison centers and understand that the poison center provides information service as well as telephone emergency service; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to reduce the incidence and impact of poisoning in Georgia, all residents are encouraged to learn about the valuable life-saving, cost-effective resources available from poison centers, learn the emergency hotline number 1-800-222-1222, and be aware that telephone services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 17-23, 2019, as POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF