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 19th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF