BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunication to deliver medical treatment, consultation recommendations, and education to patients, medical professionals, and health care administrators; and

WHEREAS: Telehealth applications include videoconferencing, store and forward imaging, remote patient monitoring, and wireless communications, along with other features; and

WHEREAS: Telehealth puts an emphasis on coordinated, patient-centered, population health care, and increases access to medical specialists by offering timely and more convenient consultation opportunities; and

WHEREAS: In addition to providing access to remote health care, telehealth encompasses and benefits patient learning, continuing medical education, provider training, and administrative meetings; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is home to many telehealth services including county health departments that offer maternal-fetal medicine, sickle cell treatment, nutrition counseling, pulmonology care, pre- and post-surgery consultations, infectious disease care, psychiatric services, pediatric emergency and critical care, hospital intensive care units, acute stroke, general neurological care, community medical homes that offer home monitoring and consultations, school-based health care, and special locations for victims of crime; and

WHEREAS: Telehealth Awareness Week serves as an opportunity to increase awareness of telehealth and its benefits to the overall health and well-being of all citizens, as well as the Peach State’s health care system; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 11-15, 2019, as TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 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 March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF