



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ADDICTION RECOVERY AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Substance use disorders and mental illness affect millions of individuals of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds as well as their families, friends, and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 25 million Americans, including 80,000 Georgians, are building lives in recovery from substance use disorders and mental illness; and
- WHEREAS:** Recovery saves lives, restores families, strengthens communities, and builds a stronger workforce, making Georgia a safer and healthier state; and
- WHEREAS:** The voice of the recovery community is the single most important voice in the recovery process; and
- WHEREAS:** Mental health and substance use disorders recovery organizations across our state continue to educate the public and policymakers on the need for access to prevention, treatment, and peer-based recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS:** On Addiction Recovery Awareness Day and throughout the year, we recommit ourselves to helping Georgians who are struggling to find the treatment they need, and we celebrate the individuals among us who have successfully embarked on the road to recovery; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2020 as ADDICTION RECOVERY AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF