



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia celebrates the extraordinary progress made in heart health, but recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard heart health for the generations to come; and
- WHEREAS:** With over 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the U.S. and over 10,000 in Georgia annually, heart disease is the number one cause of death in Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** Eighty percent of all sudden death victims are shown to have underlying heart disease, and the survival rate for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest averages under eleven percent annually; and
- WHEREAS:** The best outcomes for survival from cardiac arrest depends mostly upon immediate bystander-initiated CPR and an early shock from an automated external defibrillator; and
- WHEREAS:** Keeping Georgians healthy and promoting awareness of health issues is an important responsibility, which is why Georgians are encouraged to take action to make heart health a priority for their communities, their families, and themselves; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgians are encouraged to become aware of their risk of heart disease and cardiac arrest and to work together to promote better outcomes in heart health; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2020 AMERICAN HEART MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



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