



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PREGNANCY AFTER LOSS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** In the United States, one out of every four pregnancies end in miscarriage, and each day across America, seventy families experiences the stillbirth of their babies. The number of babies who die each year from extreme prematurity, genetic conditions or anomalies that are life-limiting, and sudden infant death syndrome cause these numbers to rise exponentially; and
- WHEREAS:** Pregnancy after the loss of a baby is associated with feelings of anxiety, depression, fear of another pregnancy loss, and guilt. For parents who have suffered from repetitive pregnancy loss, feelings of fear and anxiety may be much more prevalent; and
- WHEREAS:** Providing awareness of pregnancy after loss support will decrease anxiety surrounding a pregnancy, thereby increasing the overall health and wellness of the mother and the baby; and
- WHEREAS:** Women who are pregnant with their subsequent baby after loss are at an increased risk for depression and anxiety during the prenatal and postnatal periods. Awareness and recognition of the grief process and emotional difficulty that can present itself with pregnancy after loss will heighten the feeling of support, leading to more positive healing along the grief journey; and
- WHEREAS:** March 20, 2020 marks the first day of spring that brings the promise of new hope and joy, both of which are symbolic of the promise that a new rainbow baby – a baby born after loss – brings to his or her family; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2020 as PREGNANCY AFTER LOSS 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



  
GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF