



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** In 1992, the Legislature passed the Prescribed Burning Act that declared prescribed burning as a valuable and necessary forest management tool; and
- WHEREAS:** Professional foresters and other land resource managers use prescribed burning to reduce the forest fuels that can cause deadly wildfires, thus improving forest health; and
- WHEREAS:** Prescribed burning not only protects Georgia's forestland from deadly wildfires, but it also creates valuable wildlife habitat and controls disease and insects; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Forestry Commission partners with agencies and organizations across the state to support, promote, educate, and train individuals so that we may continue to use prescribed burning appropriately; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2 - 8, 2020 as PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia and thank the land managers who protect and maintain Georgia's natural heritage for present and future generations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF