



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** In today's highly interconnected world, voice and broadband access provide a lifeline to emergency help and a vital link to government services, community resources, friends, and family; and
- WHEREAS:** Not everyone can afford the cost of a voice or broadband connection, and a number of our nation's households still are not connected to voice or broadband networks; and
- WHEREAS:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Georgia Public Service Commission have joined in a collaborative effort to make voice and broadband services more affordable for the nation's low-income and Veterans Pension consumers by providing a discount on the monthly charges for voice and/or broadband service; and
- WHEREAS:** The FCC's Lifeline Assistance and Emergency Broadband Benefit programs offer tremendous benefits for eligible consumers in America and makes voice and/or broadband service more affordable; and
- WHEREAS:** These programs combine to provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers, including low-income consumers participating in the Veterans Pension Program, on their monthly bill and participants can choose to apply their discount to voice, broadband or a voice-broadband bundle; and
- WHEREAS:** The FCC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), other State and federal agencies, cities, counties, organizations, and voice and broadband companies are committed to increasing awareness about the availability of the Lifeline and Emergency Broadband Benefit Programs and are encouraging eligible citizens to sign up for the programs; and
- WHEREAS:** During Lifeline Awareness Week, the State of Georgia encourages government agencies, industry leaders, and consumer advocates to educate residents about state and federal programs for voice and broadband connectivity and further initiate and promote outreach events during this special week; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 20-24, 2021 as LIFELINE 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 13th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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