



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POISON PREVENTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) reports that each year, nearly three million people are unintentionally poisoned in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2020, the Georgia Poison Center handled over 70,000 poison exposure calls, of which, over 42 percent involved children under the age of six; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite the best efforts of poison center services, community organizations, and the use of child-resistant safety packages, poisoning is still the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** It is vital for all citizens to be aware of the dangers of potentially poisonous household cleaning products, medications, insect and animal bites, cosmetics, pesticides, and foreign bodies; and
- WHEREAS:** In an effort to reduce the incidence and the impact of poisoning in Georgia, all residents are encouraged to learn about the valuable lifesaving, cost effective resources available from poison centers, learn the emergency hotline number 1-800-222-1222, and be aware that telephone services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 21-27, 2021 as POISON PREVENTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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