



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

REENTRY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Over 4.2 million Georgians have a criminal record on file with the Georgia Crime Information Center, with as many as one in four Georgians facing collateral consequences of their incarceration; and
- WHEREAS:** Returning to the community after incarceration is a difficult transition, and an effective reentry process is important to providing those in Georgia's corrections system with renewed opportunities for success; and
- WHEREAS:** Reentry, when fully implemented, empowers returning citizens to refrain from crime and incentivizes law-abiding behavior; and
- WHEREAS:** Supporting and bringing awareness to reentry will bring restoration to families, bring stronger communities, and eliminate the obstacles that prevent returning citizens from finding meaningful employment; and
- WHEREAS:** By eliminating the stigmas associated with criminal records and promoting compassion and kindness, we can help returning citizens strive for brighter futures; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has made great strides in becoming a national leader in criminal justice reform. In recent years, the state has even been highlighted as one of the eight state with reduced recidivism rates; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 2021 as Reentry Awareness Month in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF