



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Dyslexia is a learning disability characterized by difficulties related to reading, writing, spelling, and processing written language, and is the most common form of learning disability; and
- WHEREAS:** Dyslexia is genetically-based, neurological in origin, and a specific learning disability which affects up to one in five people regardless of race, gender, age, or socioeconomic status; and
- WHEREAS:** Literacy and numeracy are vital skills for academic success, as research shows students who read on grade level by third grade largely outperform their peers, and children with dyslexia who receive early identification and are offered evidence-based reading instruction by first grade will have less difficulty learning to read; and
- WHEREAS:** Dyslexia is a lifelong condition, but can be substantially remediated with early identification, effective instruction, and assistive technology training. Raising awareness of dyslexia and its signs and symptoms can better equip students, parents, and educators to address the problems it presents, both in school and at home; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia joins individuals with dyslexia and their families, along with dedicated agencies, parent advocates, and organizations across our great state, in spreading awareness of dyslexia; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as DYSLEXIA 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Matthew Kipertovich*

CHIEF OF STAFF