



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SLOW DOWN MOVE OVER DAY

- WHEREAS:** Section 40-6-16 of the Georgia Code of Laws prohibits the endangerment of workers where highway construction, maintenance, utility work, accident response, or other incident response is being performed, and requires drivers of vehicles to slow down and move over when encountering authorized emergency vehicles; and
- WHEREAS:** These personnel are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse weather conditions, and in dangerous roadside environments. Workspace is often limited within the highway right of way, placing workers, disabled vehicles, and their passengers dangerously close to passing vehicles; and
- WHEREAS:** Across the country, emergency workers, incident responders, and highway workers are put at risk, often resulting in injury or death, and the towing industry is fifteen times deadlier than all other private industries combined, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
- WHEREAS:** While all fifty states have "Slow Down, Move Over" laws, fewer than thirty percent of Americans know these laws, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a need for the public to be educated on the dangers of failing to abide by these laws and how to practice safe driving behavior by moving over for all disabled vehicles regardless of type or the lights they display; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2022, as SLOW DOWN MOVE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Marlene Kippenrich

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