



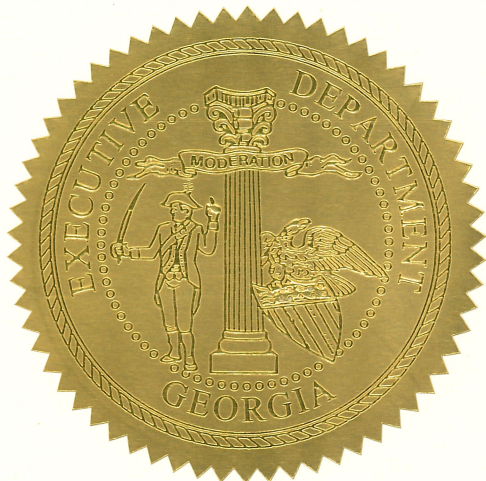
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVOCACY DAY

- WHEREAS:** In the United States, suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for 10–34-year-olds, the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for 35-44-year-olds, and the 12<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for people of all ages; and
- WHEREAS:** 1,569 Georgians died by suicide in 2020, leaving behind an estimated 211,000 citizens directly affected by the loss of those people, including more than 39,000 friends and family members whose lives are forever altered; and
- WHEREAS:** Voices for Prevention in Georgia celebrates March 30, 2022 as Suicide Advocacy Day to bring awareness to the risks and educational tools that help prevent suicides from occurring; and
- WHEREAS:** Professional counseling contributes to the growth and development of people across their life spans and assists them in achieving their full human, educational, and career potential; and
- WHEREAS:** Citizens can utilize the services of professional counselors in schools, colleges, mental health agencies, community agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice, and other delivery settings; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to realize counseling is a tool that is useful to everyone. It is crucial to offer these tools to Georgians to get them the help they need to prevent suicides from occurring; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2022, as SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVOCACY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF