



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS: In the United States, suicide is the 12th leading cause of death for people of all ages. 1,569 Georgians died by suicide in 2020, leaving behind an estimated 211,000 citizens directly affected by the loss of those people; and

WHEREAS: The American Counseling Association and The American Counseling Association of Georgia celebrate the celebrate September 4 – 10, 2022 as Suicide Prevention Week to bring awareness to 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: Organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research, education, advocacy, and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide or who struggle; 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 September 4-10 2022, as SUICIDE 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 22nd day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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