

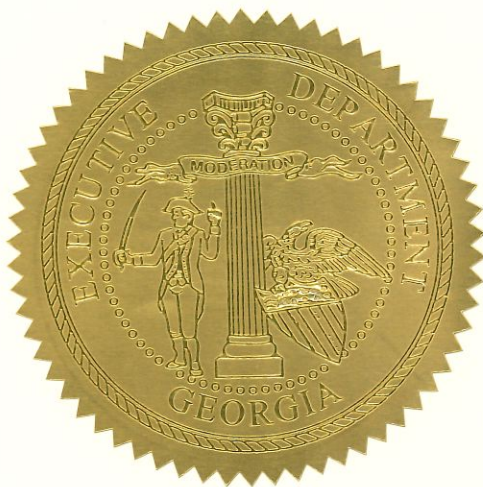
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ADDICTION RECOVERY AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Substance use disorders and mental illness affect millions of individuals of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds as well as their families, friends, coworkers, and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 25 million Americans, including 800,000 Georgians, are building lives in recovery from substance use disorders and mental illness; and
- WHEREAS:** Recovery saves lives, restores families, strengthens communities, and builds a stronger workforce, making Georgia a safer and healthier state; and
- WHEREAS:** Peer led recovery community organizations across our state continue to educate the public and policymakers on the need for access to prevention, treatment, and peer-based recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS:** The voice of the recovery community is the single most important voice in the recovery process; and
- WHEREAS:** On Addiction Recovery Awareness Day and throughout the year, we recommit ourselves to helping Georgians who are seeking the treatment they need, and we celebrate Georgians who are embracing a life of recovery; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2023, as ADDICTION RECOVERY AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Brandon Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF