



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders threaten not only our children, but all age groups, and pose a risk to the future of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD may affect anyone, regardless of ethnicity, income, socioeconomic status, or education; and
- WHEREAS:** FASD may contribute to numerous social issues and developmental disorders, including learning disabilities, scholastic failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, substance abuse, unemployment, mental illness, and criminal behavior; and
- WHEREAS:** Children and adults affected by FASD can succeed with proper treatment, appropriate strategies, interventions, and interdependence; and
- WHEREAS:** Increasing public awareness of the effects of prenatal consumption of alcohol for primary prevention and the need to support individuals with FASD and their families will contribute to the productive development of these individuals and help to improve their family stability and quality of life; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kipferich*

CHIEF OF STAFF