



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA HEARING DAY

- WHEREAS:** Hearing plays an integral role in effective communication, personal and professional relationships, as well as the overall health and safety of an individual; and
- WHEREAS:** Hearing loss is typically irreversible and has been linked to cognitive decline, dementia, falls, depression, isolation, eardrum damage, and may be a symptom of an underlying medical condition including an infection, a tumor, otosclerosis, or Meniere's disease, among others; and
- WHEREAS:** Noise-induced hearing loss is preventable, yet often unrecognized among American adults. The occurrence of preventable hearing loss is increasing among adolescents due to over-amplification of personal listening devices; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 37 million American adults (15 percent) report some trouble hearing, and nearly 28.2 million U.S. adults could benefit from the use of hearing aids, according to the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communications Disorders (NIDCD); and
- WHEREAS:** On Georgia Hearing Day, organizations such as the Georgia Society of Hearing Professionals raise awareness of appropriate measures to prevent deafness and hearing loss, as well as information to improve care for ears and hearing. This year's theme, "the professional touch," emphasizes increased access to a licensed hearing care professional; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2023, as HEARING DAY in Georgia.

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



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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