



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 29 million Americans, including over 900,000 Georgians, are in recovery from substance use disorder and mental illness; and
- WHEREAS:** Recovery is real, and it saves lives, restores families, strengthens communities, and builds a stronger workforce, making Georgia a safer and healthier state; and
- WHEREAS:** People in recovery from addiction, their families, law enforcement, first responders, health care providers, and the judicial system are working in partnership in communities across Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Peer led recovery community organizations across our state continue to grow in number and educate the public and policymakers on the need for access to prevention, treatment, and peer-led recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS:** The voice of the Georgia 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 18, 2024, 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 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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