



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The health and well-being of Georgia's children is one of our most important responsibilities, as they are the future of this State, and an important component of a child's overall health is oral health; and
- WHEREAS:** Educational programs establishing good dental health habits for children and supporting fluoridation of public water supplies at recommended levels are instrumental in preventing dental disease; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Dental Association (GDA) and its Foundation for Oral Health are dedicated to promoting and encouraging the youth of Georgia to adopt good oral health habits as a means of preventing dental disease in one of Georgia's most vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS:** The GDA and its Foundation for Oral Health have provided educational opportunities and dental screenings for school children since 1950 to commemorate Children's Dental Health Month; and
- WHEREAS:** During Children's Dental Health Month, the State of Georgia encourages proper dental hygiene in children, thereby creating healthy habits that will last a lifetime; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2024, as the CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH 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 December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Matthew Kipfer*

CHIEF OF STAFF