



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY

- WHEREAS:** Children's mental health is at the heart of wellness for this state and is crucial for the future success of the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Children and youth, both diagnosed and undiagnosed, with mental illness are those around us – our children, our neighbors, our friends, our family, and co-workers; and
- WHEREAS:** When children and youth with mental challenges do not receive the mental health care that they need, they may face an increased risk of out of home placement, involvement with juvenile justice, dropping out of school, and/or other negative outcomes; and
- WHEREAS:** Countless children and youth across the country suffer from a serious mental disorder either currently or at some point in their life, which can cause significant functional impairments at home, at school, and with peers; and
- WHEREAS:** Today's world makes issues such as social isolation, fear of the unknown, increased anxiety, and depression for children and adolescents and their families daily realities, making access to mental health services even more important; and
- WHEREAS:** Early identification as well as access to appropriate care for all children including trauma-informed, resiliency-based care is essential for Georgia's children to lead productive and satisfying lives; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2024, as CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF