



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DRUG OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Drug Overdose Awareness Day is internationally recognized on August 31 of each year to raise awareness of drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends by remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of a drug overdose; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize the signs of someone struggling with substance abuse as such person will often have personality changes, health problems, relationship problems, difficulty at work, and financial hardships; and
- WHEREAS:** Addiction can affect people of all backgrounds; people from all walks of life may have suffered from substance abuse or have likely known someone who has; and
- WHEREAS:** Those who suffer from substance abuse are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and friends to many, and as the community works to make strides towards reducing the stigma associated with substance abuse to bring about education and healing; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2024, as DRUG OVERDOSE 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 15th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry
CHIEF OF STAFF