



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA HEARING DAY

- WHEREAS:** Hearing plays a critical role in communication and personal relationships, overall health outcomes, psychological well-being, and safety; and
- WHEREAS:** Hearing loss has been tied to cognitive decline, dementia, falls, depression, and isolation, and can be a symptom of an underlying medical condition, including but not limited to infections, tumors, otosclerosis, Meniere's disease. Hearing loss is typically irreversible in many cases; and
- WHEREAS:** Noise-induced hearing loss is a preventable, significant, and often unrecognized health problem among U.S. adults, and it is a growing problem with adolescents due to over-amplification of personal listening devices; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Society of Hearing Professionals, a chapter of the International Hearing Society, is comprised of hearing healthcare professionals, including hearing aid specialists and audiologists, who are trained and specialize in the identification and assessment of hearing loss, and rehabilitation through the use of hearing aids and related devices, and counseling; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Hearing Day, founded by the Georgia Society of Hearing Professionals, is observed on February 20, 2024, to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world; and
- WHEREAS:** The theme of Georgia Hearing Day 2024 focuses on hearing loss prevention awareness and promoting access for individuals with hearing loss to necessary rehabilitation services and the communications tools they need to live long and fulfilling lives; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2024, 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 24th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry
CHIEF OF STAFF