



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS (LPC) APPRECIATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) in the State of Georgia provide vital mental health services and actively work to bridge the gap in mental health disparities, ensuring that individuals from all backgrounds have access to quality mental health care; and
- WHEREAS:** These dedicated Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) undergo rigorous training and education, encompassing crucial areas such as psychopathology, testing and assessment, ethics, research, diversity, career development, and human development, equipping them to address multifaceted challenges faced by our citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia proudly recognizes and supports over 8,740 Licensed Professional Counselors and over 1,600 licensed associate professional counselors, each of whom contributes significantly to the mental and emotional well-being of members of the community, reinforcing the strength and resilience of this great state; and
- WHEREAS:** The establishment of the 988-crisis line, an essential helpline for those in dire need, now has a more extensive network of dedicated practitioners to refer to, thanks largely to the commitment and expertise of many Licensed Professional Counselors; and
- WHEREAS:** Along with the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia (LPCAGA), the State of Georgia acknowledges the pivotal role LPCs play in mental health treatment, ensuring that every individual in need receives the quality care and support they deserve; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2024, as LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS (LPC) APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31st day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF