



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BLOOD DONATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of those living in and visiting our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Low blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS:** One blood donation can help up to three patients. Although it is estimated that thirty-eight percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, less than ten percent do; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to many public service organizations that are committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Blood Donation Day serves as an important reminder that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2019 as BLOOD DONATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen and I urge all Georgians to support local blood drives so that we may save lives and protect our citizens.



*B.P.K.*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Timothy K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF