



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Children's mental health is the heart of wellness in Georgia communities; and
- WHEREAS:** One in four children and adolescents in Georgia would benefit from mental health treatment. One in 10 children in Georgia suffers from serious emotional and mental disorders that, when left untreated, cause significant functional impairment in their day-to-day lives at home, in school, and with peers; and
- WHEREAS:** Most children and adolescents with mental disorders do not receive treatment, leaving them at increased risk of school drop-out, involvement in the juvenile justice system, and negative life outcomes; and
- WHEREAS:** With early and appropriate treatment, these children and youth can build productive and satisfying lives; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about the warning signs of mental disorders and how to obtain necessary treatment and supports; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2019, as CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Timothy K. Fleming*

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