



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

KINSHIP CARE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is committed to helping children thrive in stable households that provide a nurturing and comforting environment; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 2.4 million kinship care families reside in the United States. In Georgia, more than 250,000 households are comprised of grandparents and other blood and non-blood relatives who have taken on the role as the primary caregiver due to an unforeseen circumstance; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia offers many services to kinship caregivers, including childcare, support groups, educational resources, and legal, financial, and medical assistance; and
- WHEREAS:** Kinship caregivers ensure better outcomes for the children in their care by keeping them out of the foster care system and in safe homes with loved ones; and
- WHEREAS:** Strong and healthy family relationships are essential for the well-being of children, and it is our responsibility to promote and preserve kinship, sibling, and other familial connections for Georgia's youngest citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is proud to recognize grandparents and other relatives who raise children in kinship care by promoting this worthy cause and this year's theme of "Yes We Kin"; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as KINSHIP CARE MONTH in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to recognize and appreciate the commitment and sacrifices of these families.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF