



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunications to deliver medical treatment, consultation recommendations, and education to patients, medical professionals, and health care administrators; and
- WHEREAS:** Telehealth applications include videoconferencing, store and forward imaging, remote patient monitoring, and wireless communications, along with other features; and
- WHEREAS:** Telehealth puts an emphasis on coordinated, patient-centered, population health care, and increases access to medical specialists by offering timely and more convenient consultation opportunities; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to providing access to remote health care, telehealth encompasses and benefits patient learning, continuing medical education, provider training, and administrative meetings; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is home to many telehealth services including county health departments that offer maternal-fetal medicine, sickle cell treatment, nutrition counseling, pulmonology care, pre-and-post-surgery consultations, infectious disease care, psychiatric services, pediatric emergency and critical care, hospital intensive care units, acute stroke, general neurological care, community medical homes that offer home monitoring and consultations, school-based health care, and special locations for victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS:** Telehealth Awareness Week serves as an opportunity to increase awareness of telehealth and its benefits to the overall health and well-being of all citizens, as well as the Peach State's health care system; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 11-15, 2019, as TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

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



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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