



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### TOYS FOR TOTS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Toys for Tots began in 1947 when a group of Marine reservists in Los Angeles, led by Major Bill Hendricks of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, collected and distributed 5,000 toys during the holiday season; and
- WHEREAS:** Following the success of the inaugural campaign, the Marine Corps officially adopted Toys for Tots, quickly transforming the initiative into a national community action program; and
- WHEREAS:** Toys for Tots continues to play an active role in the development and well-being of our nation's most valuable resource – our children; and
- WHEREAS:** In the past nineteen years, Georgians have donated more than eleven million toys to the Toys for Tots program; and
- WHEREAS:** Toys for Tots Day provides an important opportunity for Georgians to unite in a common cause to make the holiday season brighter for economically disadvantaged children; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 12, 2019 as TOYS FOR TOTS DAY 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 November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Tina K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF