



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Communication disorders affect approximately 40 million citizens, swallowing disorders affect 1 in 25 adults, and hearing impairment in at least one ear affects approximately 1 in 5 Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia currently has more than 4,500 licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists providing services to these individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** Audiologists and speech-language pathologists provide the services necessary to prevent, identify, and treat various communication, swallowing, and hearing disorders; and
- WHEREAS:** Audiologists and speech-language pathologists across the State of Georgia celebrate Better Speech and Hearing Month during the month of May; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kilpatrick

CHIEF OF STAFF