



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** When the State of Georgia faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, there is a great risk of serious damage – or, even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and
- WHEREAS:** Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors who may fraudulently inflate repair costs, and
- WHEREAS:** Predatory practices by those who take advantage of these stressful scenarios ultimately increase costs for consumers by increasing insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and
- WHEREAS:** It is necessary that members of the public are aware of the various types of contractor fraud schemes so that they know how to avoid them; and
- WHEREAS:** Best practices to avoid contractor fraud include getting multiple opinions and several written estimates when hiring a contractor, checking contractor credentials, and working closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with local and state partners in Georgia, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are working together to educate Georgians about predatory practices and how to prevent themselves from being taken advantage of; and
- WHEREAS:** During Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, Georgians are encouraged to learn about the tactics used by fraudulent actors as well as ways to keep themselves and their families safe during and after disasters; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 19-23, 2025, as CONTRACTOR FRAUD 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 11th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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