

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



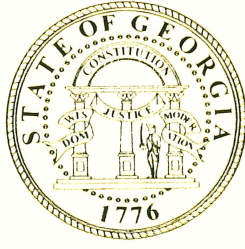
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*Lauren M. Curry*

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- WHEREAS:** Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes; and
- WHEREAS:** These predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their exposure; and
- WHEREAS:** Insurance fraud adds 5 to 10 percent to claims expenses paid for by insurers and consumers; and
- WHEREAS:** It is imperative an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes, and provide methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Georgians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Insurance Crime Bureau and its local and state partners in Georgia, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Georgians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 22 – 26, 2023, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 23 – 27, 2022, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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