



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Peanuts and peanut products are recognized throughout our state, nation, and world as a highly appetizing and nutritious food, providing protein and other important nutrients that contribute to a well-balanced diet; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's state crop is the peanut, and we rank No. 1 in the nation in peanut production and exports. In 2019, our state produced almost 50 percent of all peanut crops in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** The peanut crop is the largest single cash food row crop in Georgia, with gross farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia peanut industry is vital to our state's economic growth and prosperity, contributing an estimated \$2 billion our economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Hundreds of Georgia companies depend on the peanut industry, including warehousing, processing, manufacturing, marketing, financial, supply, distribution, and transportation industries; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH and encourage people to try our delicious Georgia peanuts raw, roasted, boiled, or even dipped in chocolate.

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



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF