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 to 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.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF