



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

- WHEREAS:** Since the founding of our nation, millions of people with Irish heritage have made Georgia their home, greatly contributing to our state's rich history and diverse population; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 800,000 people of Irish ancestry live in Georgia. These Irish-Americans have positively impacted our state in fields of science, business, government affairs, and education; and
- WHEREAS:** Irish communities continue to celebrate the legend of the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick, who died on March 17th in roughly 560 A.D.; and
- WHEREAS:** Since our nation's first Saint Patrick's Day parade in New York City in 1762, festivities, celebrations, and the "wearin' 'o the green" have become time-honored traditions in many cities across the country, including Dublin, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The shamrock, which is widely known as the symbol of Saint Patrick's Day, was originally used to illustrate how the Holy Trinity could exist as separate elements of the same entity. Today, the shamrock represents the shared immigrant past of Irish-Americans residing throughout our state and nation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2020 as SAINT PATRICK'S DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF