



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** This February across the United States, millions of Americans will join together to celebrate the long-lasting impact of the accomplishments of our country's great African American leaders and citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** In this national celebration, we recognize the transformational contribution of the African American community, which has overcome tremendous adversity to build lasting change for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is endlessly proud of her African American sons and daughters, including our beloved Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Congressman John Lewis, Reverend Joseph Lowery, Ray Charles, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, and the many countless heroes whose contributions are intertwined in our national fabric; and
- WHEREAS:** During our country's recognition of Black History Month, we reflect on the great strides that have been made to ensure freedom for all people, regardless of race, creed, or culture in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness – and we recognize that our efforts must continue; and
- WHEREAS:** To preserve and build on this monumental progress for equality and freedom, we cannot rest our laurels. Together, we must pledge to fight against injustice, prejudice, intolerance, and racism wherever it may be. In that collective effort, we can secure a safer, brighter Georgia and United States for our children; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in Georgia to encourage activities in honor of the contribution of African Americans across the globe.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martin Kipatnick*

CHIEF OF STAFF