



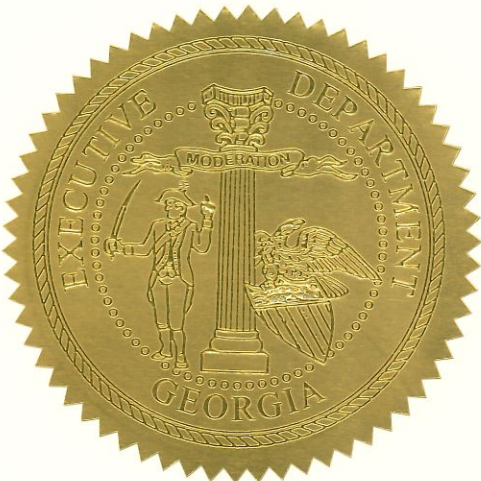
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INDIA DAY

- WHEREAS:** Stepping into its Diamond Anniversary year, ever since August 15, 1947, India's non-violent struggle for freedom, its rejection of terrorism and extremism, and its belief in democracy, tolerance, and the rule of law have been an inspiration and beacon of hope for people around the world, including Atlanta's very own Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was inspired by Gandhian principles; and
- WHEREAS:** On August 15, 2021, India American Cultural Association (IACA) will host its 25th Annual flagship event, Festival of India, at the Gas South Convention Center, inviting people of Georgia to celebrate India's Independence from the British, showcasing India at its cultural and intellectual best with spectacular performances from the finest dance, music, and all performing arts academies across Atlanta and an interesting line up of seminars on diverse themes, both classical and contemporary; and
- WHEREAS:** IACA's Festival of India represents the diverse Indian population from various regions of India, including Georgia's multifaceted Indian Americans who are entrepreneurs in myriad of fields, health care providers, engineers, technocrats, educators, small business owners, attorneys, judges, writers, authors, and artists who contribute greatly to the social, economic, and civic health of the Peach State; and
- WHEREAS:** India's Independence Day is one of India's three national holidays, celebrated by 1.3 billion people across the country and two million in the US with flag-hoisting ceremonies, parades, and much more; and
- WHEREAS:** The fact that Georgia features in the top ten U.S. Metropolitan areas that houses the Indian American population of 137,000 as of 2019 bears testament to the fact that Georgia fosters and nurtures diversity; and
- WHEREAS:** Indian corporations and businesses work with Georgia to open trade relations between them, aided by local Indian American Georgia residents, thereby binding and building strong relations between the world's two largest democracies; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2021 as INDIA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF