



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### JUNETEENTH UNITY CELEBRATION AND WALK IN POWDER SPRINGS

- WHEREAS:** Unity in HIStory Outreach Foundation Inc. will celebrate Juneteenth in Powder Springs at the Unity Celebration and Walk on Saturday, June 19, 2021; and
- WHEREAS:** Juneteenth is one of the oldest known commemorations of the end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to declare that the war had ended and all those enslaved in the South were now free; and
- WHEREAS:** Powder Springs, Georgia will celebrate Juneteenth for the first time in its history. Through this event, Unity in HIStory Outreach Foundation, Inc. will bring awareness to the community and celebrate history, diversity and unity in the great town of Powder Springs. Unity in HIStory Outreach Foundation, Inc. wants to embrace and share the historical past and present while looking forward to the future; and
- WHEREAS:** We acknowledge the first African American mayor of Cobb County and of Powder Springs, Georgia, the honorable Al Thurman, members of the city council, staff, the City of Powder Springs and Unity in HIStory Outreach Foundation Inc. to mark this historical day; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021 as JUNETEENTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*M. Kippenhede*

CHIEF OF STAFF