



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION DAY

WHEREAS: The 24th Infantry Division (ID) was activated at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, on February 25th, 1921. Soldiers of the 24th ID are veterans of the Pacific Theater in WWII, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Persian Gulf. In their service to the country, they have lived up to the division motto of "First to Fight!"; and

WHEREAS: The 24th Infantry Division was among the first divisions to see combat in World War II. The 24th ID was part of the assault forces that landed on Dutch New Guinea and Leyte. During World War II the division adopted its nickname, "Victory Division"; and

WHEREAS: After North Korea attacked South Korea on June 25, 1950, elements of the 24th ID were the first to arrive in Korea. The Victory Division fought a delaying action against overwhelming odds. Over the next nineteen months, the 24th ID fought in seven campaigns and was twice decorated by the Republic of South Korea, and was awarded a presidential citation for its actions; and

WHEREAS: On September 21, 1975, the 24th ID was reactivated at Fort Stewart, Georgia, as part of the program to build a sixteen-division army. Targeted for a NATO role, the Division was again reorganized and designated as a mechanized infantry division in 1979. The Division became a mainstay of the Cold War army for the next 15 years; and

WHEREAS: The 24th Infantry Division was inactivated on 15 February 1996. During a ceremony on April 26, 1996, the "Victory Division" colors were cased in a formal ceremony on Cottrell Field. While no longer active, the 24th ID legacy lives on through its veterans who served with honor and distinction, many of which are Georgians to this day; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 21 2022, as 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Maureen K. Smith

CHIEF OF STAFF