BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

WHEREAS: On June 20, 1782, our nation’s Founding Fathers designated the bald eagle as the national emblem of America at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS: The bald eagle is unique to North America and represents the American values of freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality, and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS: The symbolism of the bald eagle holds a significant role in American music, art, literature, commerce, education, and culture and commonly appears on United States stamps, official documents, currency, and coinage; and

WHEREAS: The bald eagle was once endangered, facing the possibility of extinction, but is making a gradual comeback to the American skies. Diligent efforts of various caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens have led to this remarkable recovery of bald eagle populations in our country; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the bald eagle from the Endangered Species Acts protection in 2007. Now, the species is protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and

WHEREAS: In 2017, 218 bald eagle nests were documented in more than 60 Georgia counties. One-third of these nests are in Georgia’s six counties bordering the coast; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2022, as AMERICAN EAGLE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

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WOMEN VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS: June 12, 1948 marked the date that women, who formerly served only as auxiliaries in time of war, were officially allowed to serve as regular and permanent members of the armed forces in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Air Force; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the history of our military forces, women have been dedicated patriots, willing to put their lives in grave danger to protect our nation and the freedom of its people. Women have always played a role in the United States' military conflicts, beginning their services as washwomen and eventually presiding over massive hospitals as Civil War nurses; and

WHEREAS: Today, women can be found fulfilling nearly all duties that were once the exclusive domain of men in the American military. It took decades for the restrictions placed on their service capacity to change, but eventually women were able to participate in the armed forces during peacetime; and

WHEREAS: By 1970, women's roles in the military expanded, finally allowing them to rise to command roles in non-combat units; and

WHEREAS: It was not until 2013 that women achieved full status in the military when they were granted the right to serve in direct ground combat roles, taking tremendous strides as a society toward the achievement of gender equality in all occupations; and

WHEREAS: We owe an indescribable debt to our current and past servicewomen who have selflessly served so that we may live free. Their unquestioned loyalty and valor will undoubtedly inspire future generations; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2022 as WOMEN VETERANS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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A PROCLAMATION

XLH AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a rare genetic disorder that affects the person through birth, childhood, adulthood, and advanced age by affecting the patient’s bone, joints, dental, hearing, muscle, and/or nerve systems; and

WHEREAS: The effects of the disease cause serious and debilitating symptoms that have a major impact on the lives of those people who suffer from XLH and their families; and

WHEREAS: Patients affected by XLH and their families often encounter a variety of problems outside the illness itself, such as difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, or being unable to afford the appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS: XLH is not a curable disease, however, dedicated research around the world continues efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will be found one day; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2022, as XLH AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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