



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BLACK MUSIC MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Black Music Month, or Black Music Appreciation Month, was established to recognize and celebrate the cultural and economic impact of Black music and the many artists and music industry workers who pour themselves into its creation and promotion; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has a long and proud history of Black musicians, with timeless artists such as Ray Charles, Otis Redding, Gladys Knight, Little Richard, James Brown, and many more; and
- WHEREAS:** These great artists and entertainers overcame discrimination and other challenges to achieve great things in their careers, redefine genres, pioneer new forms of music, and open fans' hearts and minds in ways previously not thought possible; and
- WHEREAS:** Black music continues to reach new heights today, making an impact across every genre to inspire listeners and serve as a voice for generations of Georgians and Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** This Black Music Month, the State of Georgia recognizes the great impact on our society by generations of Black artists and those who work to preserve and promote their contributions; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2022, as BLACK MUSIC MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF