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 16th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF