A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA ARBOR DAY

The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 as a special day for planting trees and has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation each year, and continues to be observed every year.

WHEREAS:
Community trees improve public health and air and water quality, reduce stormwater runoff, provide shade, and reduce energy costs. Arbor Day is an occasion to celebrate these benefits and the role of trees in our lives.

WHEREAS:
The Georgia Forestry Association (GFA) serves as the voice of the forest industry and represents the interests of forest landowners, timber producers, forest product manufacturers, and other stakeholders in the state.

WHEREAS:
The Georgia Arbor Day Foundation, a non-profit organization, promotes the planting of trees and the importance of healthy forests.

WHEREAS:
All of Georgia benefits from urban and community forestry, which includes the planting and care of trees in public and private settings.

WHEREAS:
The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) works to conserve, manage, and enhance natural resources for the benefit of all Georgians.

WHEREAS:
In recognition of Arbor Day, the Governor of Georgia, Brian P. Kemp, and the General Assembly declare this day as Arbor Day in Georgia.

THUS CONSIDERED:
I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2022, as GEORGIA ARBOR DAY in Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Two.

BRIAN P. KEMP
GOVERNOR

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