



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA BULLDOGS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

WHEREAS: Since 1980, University of Georgia fans across the state and nation have longed to once again see their beloved Bulldogs be crowned national champions at the conclusion of the college football season; and

WHEREAS: That long title drought came to an end the night of January 10, 2022, when the Dawgs vanquished their longtime foe, the Alabama Crimson Tide, on a cold night in Indianapolis under the leadership of former All-SEC defensive back turned Head Coach Kirby Smart and former walk-on quarterback and Offensive Player of the Game Stetson Bennett IV; and

WHEREAS: The Bulldogs avenged their sole loss of the 2021 season, rising from their previous defeat to the Tide and winning a tough battle of wills to secure their first ever championship of the college football playoff era; and

WHEREAS: Georgia found its back against the wall when Alabama took the lead early in the fourth quarter following a seemingly disastrous turnover, but these Dawgs would not back down. The offense answered with two successive touchdown drives, and the generational defense stepped up to shut down the vaunted Alabama offense; and

WHEREAS: In a moment Bulldog Nation will surely never forget, Kelee Ringo sealed the victory when he returned an interception for a touchdown with under a minute to play, setting off raucous celebrations, thunderous cheers, and even tears of joy on the Georgia sideline, from the fans in the stadium who trekked to Indianapolis, across the campus of UGA and the streets of Athens, and throughout the state anywhere Bulldog faithful gathered to soak in this incredible moment; and


WHEREAS: Georgia fans, you have waited a generation for your time to come, and now, it has arrived. The 2021 Georgia Bulldogs have proven they are elite, and they stand alone at the top of the college football mountain as national champions; and

WHEREAS: This Saturday in Athens, all who proudly wear the red and black are invited to celebrate this victory in the Classic City and across the state, as we collectively revel in this triumph and express the sentiments of the entire Bulldog Nation with two simple words: Go Dawgs; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2022 as GEORGIA BULLDOGS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

B.P.K.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF

