



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LAO HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The United States recognized the Kingdom of Laos in 1950; and
- WHEREAS:** Many Laotian Americans who courageously fought against Communism were forced to leave their homeland for fear of retribution from their government; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia became home to a significant number of Laotian Americans, many of whom were provided political asylum and citizenship because of their important contributions to American interests; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lao community of Georgia is a valued part of our state's diverse population, and the rich heritage, culture, tradition, and language of Laotian Americans have provided positive social, educational, and economic growth to Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** April is Lao New Year and is celebrated throughout the world and in Georgia by those of Lao heritage; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans contribute positively to the social, educational, political, civic, cultural, and economic well-being of our state with hundreds of business and community organizations in the region; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as LAO HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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GOVERNOR

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