



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LUNAR NEW YEAR

- WHEREAS:** February 1, 2022, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in Asian-American communities across the United States and, especially, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to approximately 495,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Lu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent; and
- WHEREAS:** The Asian and Pacific Islander American community has contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lunar New Year is predominately celebrated by Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese residents of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** This Lunar New Year is the Year of the Tiger and is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the new year with a clean slate; and
- WHEREAS:** The celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout Georgia illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity; now
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia welcomes the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2022, as the beginning of the LUNAR NEW YEAR, the Year of the Tiger.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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