BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY DAY

WHEREAS: Seventy years ago, the United States Marine Corps (USMC) made a strategic investment to locate a logistics installation in Albany, Georgia. Today, it is essential piece of our nation’s expeditionary force in readiness, a strong community partner, and a regional economic driver; and

WHEREAS: We celebrate this momentous anniversary and thank the leadership, men and women, and the community for their vision, collaboration, sacrifice, support to the warfighter, and patriotism that have crystallized MCLB Albany as a valuable asset to national defense; and

WHEREAS: MCLB Albany plays a critical role in the global readiness of the USMC through global supply chain preparedness, pre-positioned ships and deployment-ready equipment, combat vehicles, and weapon systems; and

WHEREAS: MCLB Albany has long-standing and productive relationships with community partners such as the City of Albany, Dougherty County, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and its Military Affairs Committee, the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission, and educational and health care partners; and

WHEREAS: MCLB Albany is a vital component of Georgia’s defense industry as the state’s only Marine Corps installation and holds a unique significance within the USMC network as the East Coast anchor of the Marine Corps Maintenance Depot Command; and

WHEREAS: MCLB Albany has an economic impact of more than $1.5 billion and is a critical component of the region’s transportation and logistics network. It has a highly skilled workforce of nearly 5,000 and has built workforce development partnerships with local institutions, Albany Technical College and Albany State University, to provide a seamless education-to-workforce pipeline with opportunity for upskilling and growth throughout the Marine Corps network; and

WHEREAS: MCLB Albany is a world leader in innovation, as the U.S. Department of Defense’s first installation to accomplish net-zero energy consumption, and is recognized as a “Model Base of the Future” for initiatives such as pioneering 5G integration in Southwest Georgia, smart warehousing, 3-D printing, and additive manufacturing; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2022 as MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY DAY in Georgia in honor of its 70th anniversary.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF