



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### VIDEO GAMES DAY

- WHEREAS:** Video Games Day is a day to celebrate the joy that video games bring to the lives of so many, providing an opportunity for gamers of all ages, races, and creeds to come together and share their love for video games; and
- WHEREAS:** Video Games Day brings awareness and celebrates the history and fun of video games. Video Games are now a huge industry and have led into competitive gaming known as Esports; and
- WHEREAS:** Gerald "Jerry" Lawson, the father of modern gaming, developed the Fairchild Channel F in 1976, which allowed users to insert different cartridges that allowed people to play a variety of games in their homes on a single console. This paved the way for much more elaborate systems users know and love today; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations such as Pharaoh's Conclave, in partnership with Morris Brown College, are using video games to open doors through actions such as establishing the Ronald Floyd Thomas Center for Esports & Innovation to build awareness, educate, and promote STEAM-based education, thereby creating access and opportunity for underserved communities; and
- WHEREAS:** On Video Games Day, the State of Georgia recognizes the joy video games bring to countless citizens of all ages and their continued impact on our culture; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2022, as VIDEO GAMES DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF