



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CONSTITUTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to the rule of law; and
- WHEREAS:** On September 17, 2023, and the week following, we celebrate the 236th Anniversary of the 1787 Constitutional Convention; and at this convention, the world's oldest written constitution was drafted by the United States, thus outlining the fundamental principles by which our nation is governed; and
- WHEREAS:** Our Constitution established six basic governing principles for society. These include popular sovereignty, the rule of law, federalism, judicial review, individual rights, and separation of powers through a system of checks and balances; and
- WHEREAS:** The Constitution ensures the distribution of functions and responsibilities among three separate branches and a system of checks and balances to calibrate those powers, ultimately ensuring the protection of individual rights and liberties; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia was the fourth state in the Union to ratify the Constitution; and Georgia Delegates Abraham Baldwin and William Few signed the document on January 2, 1788; and
- WHEREAS:** Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all citizens to learn of Georgia's historic role during our nation's founding; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2023, as CONSTITUTION DAY and September 17-23, 2023, as CONSTITUTION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Nancy K. Kirtland*

CHIEF OF STAFF