



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA BARBECUE DAY

- WHEREAS:** Some of the oldest archaeological evidence of a barbecue was found at the Bilbo Mound site dated to 3500 BC near Savannah. "Barbecue" is derived from a Native American word for a raised wooden platform used for cooking or storing food. The geographical area of Georgia is home to some of the oldest and largest concentration of Native American populations in the Southeast who frequently used wooden barbecue racks to slowly cook whole animals and large cuts of meat; and
- WHEREAS:** During his expedition in North America, Hernando de Soto became one of the first Europeans to come into contact with barbacoa, near present day Macon on March 25, 1540. An early barbecue involving pork occurred at the Spanish mission on St Catherine Island in 1604. The Spanish missions thrived in Georgia for nearly 200 years where they blended Native America cooking styles and European foodways to develop the current barbecue traditions and stews we have today; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1733 an inaugural barbecue celebration was given for General Oglethorpe and the original colonists of Georgia by the citizens of South Carolina in appreciation for the courage and bravery for settling on the southern border; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to many first and unique barbecue accomplishments that are worthy of special recognition, National BBQ News and The National Barbecue and Grilling Association are based in Georgia. Georgia is also home to a unique barbecue sauce style that is characterized by a burnt orange color which is mixture of tomato paste and mustard. It is served at barbecue restaurants across the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia barbecue manufacturing and retail businesses are internationally recognized for their innovation and leadership in the outdoor cooking market. These leading and innovative businesses include Big Green Egg, Bubba Keg, CharBroil, CharGriller, GrillGrate, Kamado Joe, Lang Smokers, Lane's BBQ, MasterBuilt, Orion Smokers, Primo, RecTec, Royal Oak Charcoal, and Atlanta Stove Works. The leading retailer for barbecue grills and accessories is Home Depot which is headquartered in Atlanta; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the impact barbecue has had on the economy and the rich history of barbecue within our state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2022, as GEORGIA BARBEQUE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF