



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS DAY

- WHEREAS:** In 2010, the United Nations recognized June 23 as the first International Widows Day of Awareness and the day has been recognized annually since to honor the millions of widows in the United States and across the world; and
- WHEREAS:** International Widows Day brings awareness to both the tragedy of losing a spouse and the hardships that widows suffer following the death of their spouses. The goal is to develop resources and policies that empower widows and give them access to the resources they need to rebuild their lives; and
- WHEREAS:** The Modern Widows Club is an interfaith, multi-generational nonprofit that provides a myriad of social needs for widows and raises awareness through advocacy. The North Atlanta Chapter of the Modern Widows Club helps empower widows and provides them with tools to build resilience and make positive impacts; and
- WHEREAS:** By giving widows a voice through recognition, they are encouraged to discover all that is available to move forward and rebuild purposeful and meaningful lives with the support of their communities; now
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia hereby recognizes International Widows Day and all the organizations across the state who work tirelessly to ensure widows in our community have the support they need to thrive; and
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2023, as INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS DAY OF AWARENESS in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipetricks

CHIEF OF STAFF