



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### TAMIL NEW YEAR

- WHEREAS:** Tamil is one of the longest-surviving classical language in the world, with a traceable history exceeding 3,200 years; and
- WHEREAS:** The Tamil community is widespread with about 100 million native speakers across the globe, and is recognized as an official language in India, Sri Lanka, and Singapore, as well as a minority language in Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, and Mauritius; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Tamils have made contributions to the social, educational, economic, and cultural fabric of Georgia, including promoting Tamil language, arts, culture, and heritage; and
- WHEREAS:** The Tamil community across the globe every year celebrates April 14th as the Tamil New Year also called "Chithirai Thirunaal"; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Tamils are committed to sharing their vibrant culture, rich traditions, and longstanding history with the people of Georgia by celebrating April 14th as Tamil New Year and promoting the Tamil language, education, arts, culture, charity, and heritage; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2023, as TAMIL NEW YEAR in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Nancy Kilpatrick*

CHIEF OF STAFF