



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### VETERANS DAY

- WHEREAS:** The citizens of Georgia and the United States of America live in freedom because of the contributions and personal sacrifices made by those who have served and by those currently serving in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve bravely in America's Armed Forces. We remember with somber and grateful hearts those men and women who have served in the military with distinction and valor as soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen, coastguardsmen, and guardians; and
- WHEREAS:** We offer our sincere prayers for those who continue to defend the ideals of liberty and justice on which our nation was founded; and
- WHEREAS:** We endeavor to honor the contributions and sacrifices of millions of Georgians who have, over the centuries, served in the military and the tens of thousands currently serving at home and abroad; and
- WHEREAS:** We owe an unrepayable debt to the almost 700,000 veterans who call Georgia home. If not for their strong desire to protect and defend our way of life, our nation would not be safe, free, and just; and
- WHEREAS:** We are proud to recognize the veterans of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. They are deserving of our praise, and their sacrifices serve as a constant reminder that freedom is not free; and
- WHEREAS:** We extend the appreciation of our citizens to those who wear the uniforms of the United States Armed Forces and serve our nation to preserve freedom and liberty; and
- WHEREAS:** On Veterans Day, the State of Georgia encourages all citizens to join in recognizing and appreciating the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023 as VETERANS 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 November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Manton Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF