



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### VIETNAMESE HERITAGE AND FREEDOM FLAG MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Many Vietnamese-Americans were forced to leave their homeland for fear of the Communist governments campaign of retribution and persecution after the fall of Saigon in 1975; and
- WHEREAS:** Scores of Vietnamese refugees who immigrated to the United States settled in Georgia. Since then, they have become loyal citizens of this state and of the United States, making significant contributions in the areas of business, commerce, and culture; and
- WHEREAS:** Vietnamese-American citizens embrace the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag, which appears as three red stripes on a saffron background, as the symbol of their community and cultural identity, representing freedom, democracy, and the resilience of the Vietnamese people; and
- WHEREAS:** The Vietnamese-American community is flourishing and continues to embrace the American spirit of freedom. It is proper that the tangible symbol of that spirit, The Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag, be displayed to recognize and honor the Vietnamese-American community in Georgia; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as VIETNAMESE HERITAGE AND FREEDOM FLAG MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Mandee Kippenrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF