



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Georgia states that, "To perpetuate the principles of free government, ensure justice to all, preserve peace, promote the interest and happiness of the citizen and of the family, and transmit to posterity the enjoyment of liberty, we the people of Georgia, relying upon the protection and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution;" and
- WHEREAS:** Benjamin Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 stated: "And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it;" (Psalm 127: 1) and
- WHEREAS:** George Washington enunciated: "animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity, and conducting ourselves as the faithful subjects of our free government, we may enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity;" and
- WHEREAS:** Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote: "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, the conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?" and
- WHEREAS:** James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution, advocated "the diffusion of the light of Christianity in our nation" in his 1785 Memorial and Remonstrance; and
- WHEREAS:** These, and many other truly great men and women of America, giants in the structuring of American history, were Christian statesmen of caliber and integrity who did not hesitate to express their faith; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2024, as CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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