



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites are important to our state's heritage, highlighting over 10,000 years of indigenous history and documenting the exploration, colonization and building of our nation by Europeans, Africans, and Asians; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites lie under forests, farms, and cities as well as beneath rivers, streams, and coastal waters. These sites, which hold clues about our state's rich and diverse history, are invaluable, endangered resources that should be cared for; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites have yielded significant information about the technology and ingenuity of Native Americans and other communities who inhabited this land, providing a better understanding of the form, function, and materials used in making items necessary for survival, even today; and
- WHEREAS:** The study, interpretation, and preservation of archaeological sites offer important educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeologists seek to increase our citizens' awareness of our state's history to protect and preserve these irreplaceable links to our past; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as GEORGIA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Laura M. Curry*

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