



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** The Korean War, which began on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1950 and ended with a ceasefire agreement on July 27<sup>th</sup> 1953, was one of the most impactful in American history, resulting in nearly 140,000 American casualties; and
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 2 million Americans served in the Korean War. Today, 25,744 of these veterans have found a home in the State of Georgia. 36,574 Americans – including 740 Georgians – laid down their lives during the conflict; and
- WHEREAS:** Every year on June 25, the United States and its allies pause to remember all those who served in the Korean War; and
- WHEREAS:** The alliance between the United States and South Korea formed in 1953 following the end of the Korean War. Since then, the United States has maintained a strong military presence in South Korea, where approximately 28,500 troops are stationed; and
- WHEREAS:** While forged in the wake of conflict, the United States-Korea alliance has grown beyond military cooperation, with economic and cultural ties strengthening over time; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations like the Korean Veterans Association Southern Regional Chapter play a crucial role in supporting veterans in Georgia and celebrating the longstanding alliance and cultural exchange between the United States and South Korea; now
- THEREFORE:** I, Governor Kemp, do hereby recognize June 25, 2024, as KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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