



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS:** Native Americans are a diverse group with a rich and multifaceted system of governments, languages, religions, values, and traditions, and during the month of November, we celebrate the culture and contributions of the first Americans; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to significant Native American sites such as the Chief Vann House, Etowah Indian Mounds, and New Echota, which served as the original capital of Cherokee Nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia has a rich past and a bright future thanks to the varied contributions of the many tribes who have lived in our state, including the Cherokee, Creek, Savannah, Timucua, Westo, Yamasee, Oconee, Seminole and Yuchi peoples; and

**WHEREAS:** The more than 200,000 Native American men and women continue to be instrumental in all areas of life in Georgia, including government, business, the arts, medicine, education, law enforcement, and the military; and

**WHEREAS:** In observance of Native American Heritage Month, Georgians are encouraged to learn more about the Native Americans who first called this state "home" and work together with Native American leaders for a greater future for all Georgians; and

**WHEREAS:** During Native American Heritage Month, the State of Georgia recognizes and celebrates the culture and heritage of Native Americans and reaffirms our appreciation of the ideals which our first Americans held so dear; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Laura M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF