



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** The Federal Republic of Nigeria achieved its independence from Britain on October 1, 1960. After its independence Nigeria experienced periods of civil strife, and today, Nigeria is experiencing peace in Africa's biggest democratic nation. This year marks the 64th anniversary of Nigeria's Independence; and
- WHEREAS:** Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa, with a population of over 200 million people, comprising of over 380 ethnic groups that speak over 200 native languages and dialects; and
- WHEREAS:** Nigerians are Georgia's largest African community, having settled in Atlanta beginning in the early 1960's and even before then as Nigerian slaves from Igbo tribe were brought to Atlanta in the Igbo Landing uprising slave revolution in May of 1803. A large group of enslaved Igbo Nigerians made history by resisting their enslavement in the most dramatic way possible. Today, Igbo Landing is marked as a National Historic Site at Dunbar Creek on St. Simons Island; and
- WHEREAS:** Nigerians in Georgia have organized medical, business, cultural, charity, and professional organizations, contributing greatly to various aspects of society in our state; and
- WHEREAS:** On Nigerian Independence Day, Nigerian Georgians and all citizens are encouraged to join in the celebration of the vibrant Nigerian culture and heritage that is a part of communities across our state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2024, as NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry
CHIEF OF STAFF