



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RANGER HOTLINE DAY

- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Natural Resources was established to manage and protect the state's diverse natural resources, and is charged with managing, protecting and encouraging the conservation of all wildlife, including game and nongame animals, fish and protected plants; and
- WHEREAS:** Ownership of all wildlife is by the State of Georgia, held in trust for all Georgians. A poacher is one who takes wildlife illegally and as such is a thief who steals from all of the citizens of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Ranger Hotline Program is established as an initiative of the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Georgia's natural, cultural and historical resources for current and future generations; and
- WHEREAS:** The Ranger Hotline Program enhances the effectiveness of the Georgia's Law Enforcement Division Game Wardens by encouraging citizen involvement in the detection and reporting of violations of Game and Fish laws; and
- WHEREAS:** The Ranger Hotline Program provides monetary rewards for information that leads to the arrest of poachers, and is supported by donations from sportsmen and sportswomen, wildlife organizations, and all concerned citizens. The Ranger Hotline Program encourages support of the local judicial system in the stringent enforcement of Game and Fish laws, and all DNR infractions; and
- WHEREAS:** On Ranger Hotline Day, the State of Georgia encourages all citizens to be aware of the Ranger Hotline Program and the role each of us play in keeping our state's wildlife safe from those seeking to do it harm; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2024, as RANGER HOTLINE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF