



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION

- WHEREAS:** On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously declared the independence of the Thirteen Colonies, thus establishing the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS:** As the 13th colony, Georgia was represented by three courageous signers of the Declaration of Independence who pledged their very lives to support it. To this day, brave and proud Georgians continue to put their lives on the line and make significant contributions to American independence; and
- WHEREAS:** The year 2026 marks 250 years since the birth of our nation. On January 17, 2025, Governor Brian P. Kemp established the Georgia US250 Commission in accordance with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to provide for the proper observance and commemoration of this anniversary in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** From July 4, 2025, through December 31, 2026, Georgians are encouraged to celebrate, commemorate, and reflect upon the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, and the founding of the United States through civic, cultural, educational, and historical events and programs; and
- WHEREAS:** By realizing that the American Revolution and self-governance remains an ongoing experiment, during the America 250 Celebration, Georgians are encouraged to renew their commitment to the timeless ideals embodied in the Declaration of Independence – namely, the equality of all people and their inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2025 – December 31, 2026, as the AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF