



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites are an important part of its heritage, marking the arrival of American Indians more than 10,000 years ago and documenting the exploration, colonization, and founding of the nation by Europeans, Africans, and Asians; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites are located in forests, cities, and on farms, as well as beneath rivers, streams, and coastal waters; and
- WHEREAS:** These sites, which hold clues about Georgia's history, are fragile and vulnerable to forces such as erosion, uncontrolled development, and vandalism. The study, interpretation, and preservation of archaeological sites offer important educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** The members of the Society for Georgia Archaeology seek to increase citizens' awareness of Georgian archaeological history as a means to protect and preserve these historic sites and provide opportunities for future exploration and discovery; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month encourages Georgians an to dive deeper into their state's rich archaeological history with this year's theme of "Celebrating Georgia's Coastal Archaeology;" now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF