



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION BALLOON MONTH

WHEREAS: The modern-day, manufactured latex toy balloon has only existed since 1931, when it was invented by Neil Tillotson, a chemical engineer and inventor from New England; and

WHEREAS: Since those early days, the balloon industry has grown dramatically. In the 1970s, latex balloon bouquets filled with helium were the most popular style along with twister balloons, which were used to create various animals and amusing shapes for children of all ages. In the late '70s, foil balloons were invented and patented by Gerald Hurst, a Cambridge chemist. This new type of balloon was favorably received and quickly expanded the industry; and

WHEREAS: Today, balloons in all shapes and sizes are used extensively by high schools, colleges and universities, businesses, and many other organizations to show support, advertise services, products or events, and to launch new ideas; and

WHEREAS: Balloon sculpture and event decorating has become an internationally accepted and lucrative profession. Balloons, balloon arches, themed designs, elaborate sculptures, and celebratory balloon drops have become mainstays at events such as parties, weddings, and sporting events; and

WHEREAS: Balloons have come to symbolize celebration, happiness, and fun, and can be enjoyed by everyone, young and old, for events large and small; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2025, as BALLOON MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



GOVERNOR

B. Kemp

ATTEST

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