



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY

- WHEREAS:** George Washington, a Founding Father of the United States of America, was born on February 22, 1732. Through his unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership, Washington earned his place as the “Father of our Country;” and
- WHEREAS:** George Washington was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and led a diverse and untested army through eight years of war, culminating in American victory against British forces. His leadership at pivotal moments, including the crossing of the Delaware River and the triumph at Yorktown, remains a testament to his courage and strategic brilliance; and
- WHEREAS:** Unanimously elected as the first President of the United States, Washington established enduring principles of governance and set an example of humility and dedication to republican ideals by voluntarily stepping down after two terms, ensuring the peaceful transfer of power, a cornerstone of American democracy; and
- WHEREAS:** George Washington promoted religious freedom, as demonstrated in his Letter to the Touro Synagogue, and recognized the moral contradiction of slavery, freeing those he enslaved upon his death as an acknowledgment of its incompatibility with the ideals of our Republic; and
- WHEREAS:** Upon Washington’s death on December 14, 1799, President John Adams declared, “His example is now complete, and it will teach wisdom and virtue to magistrates, citizens, and men, not only in the present age, but in future generations, as long as our history shall be read”; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgians are encouraged to honor Washington’s legacy and consider visiting Mount Vernon, Virginia, and to find ways to share his story and ideals with future generations; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2025, as GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF