



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LUNAR NEW YEAR

- WHEREAS:** January 29, 2025, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in Asian-American communities across the United States and, especially, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to approximately 495,000 Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and
- WHEREAS:** The Asian and Pacific Islander American community has contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lunar New Year is predominately celebrated by Asian and Pacific Islander American communities from China, Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, and Taiwan; and
- WHEREAS:** This Lunar New Year is the Year of the Snake and is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the new year with a clean slate; and
- WHEREAS:** The celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout Georgia illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia welcomes the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2025, as the beginning of the LUNAR NEW YEAR in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF