



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

POPPY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and
- WHEREAS:** Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle; and
- WHEREAS:** A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and
- WHEREAS:** The Red Poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice and remembrance of lives in all wars; and
- WHEREAS:** Citizens have pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgian humanitarian and educator, Moina Michael, born in 1869 in the town of Good Hope, developed an international program to aid veterans in need of rehabilitation and their families through the donations received from the memorial poppy; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as POPPY MONTH in Georgia and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF