



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

APALACHEE REMEMBRANCE DAY

- WHEREAS:

A tragic act of violence at Apalachee High School on September 4, 2024, claimed the lives of student Christian Angulo, age 14, student Mason Schermerhorn, age 14, teacher and coach Richard Aspinwall II, age 39, and teacher Cristina Irimie, age 53, leaving families and loved ones to mourn lives lost far too soon; and
- WHEREAS:

Students and staff suffered injuries, trauma, and mental anguish as a result of this tragedy, while also demonstrating incredible bravery, strength, and selflessness in the face of unimaginable circumstances as they protected and cared for one another; and
- WHEREAS:

Amid an unimaginable reality, students and staff responded with remarkable courage and compassion, selflessly and without hesitation helping those who were injured, in need of care, or seeking safety. They demonstrated extraordinary concern for the well-being of others; and
- WHEREAS:

The community of Barrow County displayed an overwhelming amount of unity and strength in the midst of tragedy. Countless educators, school leaders, counselors, mental health professionals, and community members provided care, comfort, and protection to those who were hurting; and
- WHEREAS:

It is important to recognize and honor the state agencies that responded swiftly and effectively, protecting students and faculty from further danger, including the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Patrol, and Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, as well as the employees and first responders of Barrow County; and
- WHEREAS:

We honor and remember all those impacted by the tragedy at Apalachee High School, extend our deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones who continue to mourn and heal, and express our overwhelming gratitude to all who responded courageously; now
- THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2026, as APALACHEE REMEMBRANCE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF