



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** This February, across the United State and the State of Georgia, Americans will join together to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments and lasting impact of the great African American leaders of our country's past and present; and
- WHEREAS:** During this month, we applaud the transformational contributions of the African American community, which has overcome tremendous adversity to build lasting change for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is endlessly proud of the many African-American sons and daughters whose impact has been and is still felt both state and nationwide, including our beloved Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Congressman John Lewis, Gladys Knight, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, Otis Redding, Ray Charles, and the many countless heroes whose contributions are woven into our national fabric; and
- WHEREAS:** In our recognition of Black History Month, we reflect on the great strides that we have made to ensure freedom for all people, regardless of race, color, or creed in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness – and we recognize that our work must continue; and
- WHEREAS:** To preserve and build on this monumental progress for equality and freedom, we cannot rest on our laurels. Together, we must pledge to fight against injustice, prejudice, intolerance, and racism wherever it may be. In that collective effort, we can secure a safer, brighter Georgia and United States for our children; and
- WHEREAS:** This Black History Month, the State of Georgia encourages its citizens to honor the contributions of African Americans around our state, nation, and globe; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2026, as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF