



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA DEAF COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DAY

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is home to a diverse and vibrant Deaf and hard-of-hearing community whose language, culture, and contributions enrich the social, educational, and economic fabric of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** American Sign Language is a complete and complex language that serves as a vital means of communication and cultural expression for many Deaf individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's Deaf community includes individuals from diverse cultural and international backgrounds, including those with roots in the Caribbean, whose experiences and perspectives strengthen the richness and diversity of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Equal access to education, employment, healthcare, and public services remains essential to ensuring full participation and opportunity for Deaf individuals across Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Advocates, educators, interpreters, and community leaders throughout the state continue to promote accessibility, inclusion, and awareness of Deaf culture and rights; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing the Deaf community fosters greater understanding, strengthens communities, and encourages continued efforts toward equity and inclusion for all Georgians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 30th, 2026, as GEORGIA DEAF COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF