



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA NURSE HONOR GUARD DAY

- WHEREAS:** The nursing profession is a cornerstone of healthcare, providing compassionate care, expertise, and dedication to the well-being of communities across Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Nurse Honor Guard was established in January 2024 as a volunteer organization to honor nurses who have dedicated their lives to the profession, offering ceremonial tributes that recognize their tremendous service and legacy; and
- WHEREAS:** The Nightingale Tribute and Final Call of Duty ceremonies performed by the Georgia Nurse Honor Guard symbolize the profound respect and gratitude owed to nurses for their tireless commitment to humanity; and
- WHEREAS:** These ceremonies bring comfort and dignity to grieving families while celebrating the history and enduring values of the nursing profession; and
- WHEREAS:** The establishment of multiple Georgia Nurse Honor Guard chapters across Georgia reflects the growing recognition of the importance of honoring nurses' statewide, and echoes the highest values of respect, compassion, gratitude, and service ensuring that nurses are honored for their lifelong commitment to the nursing profession; and
- WHEREAS:** Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, serves as a global symbol of nursing excellence, professionalism, and selfless dedication to healthcare making her birthday, May 12, a fitting date to honor nurses who have served with distinction; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as GEORGIA NURSE HONOR GUARD DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF