



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA YOUTH PEACE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia bears a profound legacy of peacemaking, embodied by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose philosophy of nonviolent resistance transformed a nation, and President Jimmy Carter, a son of Georgia whose lifelong dedication to diplomacy and human rights earned him the Nobel Peace Prize; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's youth are the living heirs to this legacy, and their civic courage, cross-cultural understanding, and commitment to community represent the most essential investment this State can make in a peaceful and prosperous future; and
- WHEREAS:** The World Youth Peace Camp and Summit convening in the State of Georgia in June 2026, brings together young leaders from across the region and the globe for dialogue, intercultural exchange, and collaborative peacebuilding; and
- WHEREAS:** This initiative is supported by a statewide coalition, is advanced in partnership with various peace organizations, and includes the Legislate Peace (LP) Program and Peace Leadership Academy for Youth (PLAY), who come together to engage in civil participation, education, and intercultural cooperation; and
- WHEREAS:** Conflict resolution and nonviolence curriculum addressing coexistence, mutual respect, civic responsibility, and the values that reduce violence in schools, communities, and cities, have been implemented through the Peace Leadership Academy; and
- WHEREAS:** The people of Georgia have long understood that lasting peace is not merely the absence of conflict, but the active, daily work of communities choosing understanding over division, and that from the Peach State flows an enduring and unbroken commitment to peace; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2026, as GEORGIA YOUTH PEACE MONTH in Georgia.

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



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF