



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### INDIA INDEPENDANCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** India gained independence from the British Empire on August 15, 1947, when the British Parliament passed the Indian Independence Act 1947, transferring legislative sovereignty to the Indian Constituent Assembly; and
- WHEREAS:** The passage of the act ended nearly two centuries of British rule over the Indian subcontinent and marked the beginning of India's identity as a free and sovereign nation of people; and
- WHEREAS:** With a population of more than 1.3 billion people, the Republic of India is now the world's largest democracy, and the United States and India share the common goals of promoting and supporting human rights, freedom, and the rule of law; and
- WHEREAS:** India's Independence Day is one of India's three national holidays and is celebrated by governmental and non-governmental institutions across the country with flag-hoisting ceremonies, parades, pageants, and cultural events; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, we recognize the record success of Indian community and celebrate the contributions of India and India's people in the state of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The holiday has risen to global prominence, especially in areas with large populations of Indian residents in Georgia. Also noted the record success of Indian community and commend it for its many contributions to the welfare of the state of Georgia; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2026, as INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY 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 May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF