



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### KIA DAY

**WHEREAS:** Georgia is a center of automobile manufacturing and home to Kia's assembly plant in West Point, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** The automobile manufacturing industry in Georgia is resilient and growing. In the last 16 years, Kia Georgia has produced over 5 million vehicles in the state; and

**WHEREAS:** Kia Georgia has contributed over \$23 million to the local community, promoting education, health and wellness, and environmental preservation and sustainability as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility program; and

**WHEREAS:** Kia Georgia has promoted workforce development in K-12 education through its sponsorship of SAE Foundation's "A World In Motion" and Greenpower USA, along with supporting CTAE programs, is actively involved with the Technical College System of Georgia and a founding partner of UGA's Georgia Network for Electric Mobility. Additionally, the Kia brand has 22 dealerships across the state participating in Kia's Veterans Technician Apprenticeship Program; and

**WHEREAS:** Since establishing its assembly plant in 2009 in West Point, Georgia, Kia has invested more than \$3.2 billion in the state, which includes the recent expansion of more than \$200 million at this site for production of electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS:** Kia is committed to a "customer-centric" business model through its flexible production system focusing on market-driven trends, providing mobility solutions that meet customer needs and exceed expectations; and

**WHEREAS:** Kia Georgia employs more than 3,200 team members, and is responsible for more than 14,000 plant and supplier jobs in the region; and

**WHEREAS:** Kia Georgia is the US manufacturing home of five award-winning models: Telluride, Sorento and Sportage SUVs and the all-electric EV9 and EV6 SUVs, producing 3 powertrains (gasoline, hybrid and electric) on a single-line system; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 11, 2026, as KIA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF