



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LAO HERITAGE DAY

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is home to a vibrant and growing community of Laotian Americans, many of whom were granted political asylum and citizenship in recognition of their unique contributions and sacrifices in support of American interests; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lao community in Georgia has enriched our state through the preservation and promotion of its rich cultural heritage, traditions, language, and values, contributing meaningfully to Georgia's diverse population; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans have made significant contributions to Georgia's economy, culture, and overall quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans positively impact the social, educational, civic, cultural, political, and economic well-being of our state through hundreds of businesses, nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, and community initiatives across the region; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans demonstrate strong civic responsibility, promoting community engagement, public service, and leadership for the betterment of all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lao community fosters inclusion, mutual respect, and cross-cultural understanding in the places where they live, work, serve, worship, and gather; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2026, as LAO HERITAGE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF