



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LUNAR NEW YEAR

- WHEREAS:** February 17, 2026, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in Asian-American communities across the United States and, especially, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to approximately 495,000 Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and
- WHEREAS:** The Asian and Pacific Islander American community has contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lunar New Year is predominately celebrated by Asian and Pacific Islander American communities from China, Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, and Taiwan; and
- WHEREAS:** This Lunar New Year is the Year of the Horse and is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the new year with a clean slate; and
- WHEREAS:** The celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout Georgia illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia welcomes the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2026, as the beginning of the LUNAR NEW YEAR in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF