



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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



A handwritten signature of Brian P. Kemp in black ink.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

A handwritten signature of Lauren M. Curry in black ink.

CHIEF OF STAFF