

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a native son of Georgia, called upon all men and women to live up to the founding principle that all of us are created equal; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. King devoted his life to the ideals of peaceful social change, despite facing threats and violence. His principles and actions continue to inspire people of all nations; and

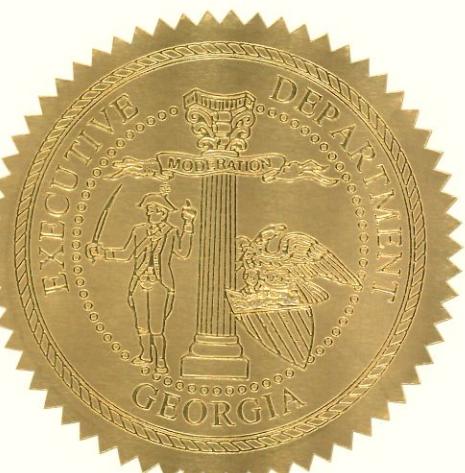
**WHEREAS:** Through and beyond their marriage of 15 years, Coretta Scott King worked tirelessly at his side and alongside those of all ages, races, and backgrounds, encouraging Americans to come together to strengthen their communities and acknowledge the dignity and respect of all human beings; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. King's legacy, as faithfully promoted by Mrs. King through her work as an author and community leader, continues to inspire Americans and all people of other nations to act in service to help improve their communities; and

**WHEREAS:** This year marks Georgia's 41<sup>st</sup> annual celebration of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the federal holiday. In remembrance of his life, Georgians will participate in service projects in communities across the state on Monday, January 19, 2026; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026, as MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B.P.K.*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF