



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY

**WHEREAS:** On March 26, 1953, American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against polio; and

**WHEREAS:** The CDC estimates the polio vaccine has prevented an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis and saved more than 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988; and

**WHEREAS:** Science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, and thousands of other interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

**WHEREAS:** People have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia invites residents to show their appreciation for our workers in the fields of research, technology, science education, and medicine; and

**WHEREAS:** Residents are encouraged to reflect on and share how science advances have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2026, as SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "B.P.K." followed by a stylized "h".

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Lauren M. Curry".

CHIEF OF STAFF