



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WILD GAME MEAT DONATION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia proudly recognizes the month of November as Wild Game Meat Donation Month, honoring the longstanding tradition of Georgia hunters and the generosity that helps support families in need across our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Hunting in Georgia is enshrined in the state constitution, offering opportunities to connect with nature while providing food security and nutrition to hunters, their families and those less fortunate through community-based Hunters for the Hungry (HFH) programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Hunters for the Hungry® program, established in 1993, is a partnership between Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division, Georgia Wildlife Federation, Georgia hunters, deer processors, and food charities across the state to provide protein-rich venison to Georgia families in need; and
- WHEREAS:** Through this effort, over two million servings of venison have been donated to Georgia families, making wild game donation one of the most impactful sources of healthy, protein rich food for those facing hunger. Georgia Hunters for the Hungry® has processed and distributed 517,222 pounds of venison through local food charities, pantries, shelters, and churches across Georgia, and has become one of the largest and most efficient Wild game meat donation programs in the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Hunting is one of Georgia's most valuable natural resource traditions, but also critical wildlife management tool. Through regulated hunting, Georgia hunters help ensure a sustainable deer population, reduce habitat and crop damage across the State, and provide millions of high-quality protein servings to families in need; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2026, as WILD GAME MEAT DONATION MONTH in Georgia.

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



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF