

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## **ALBANY SALVATION ARMY WEEK**

| WHEREAS:   | Southwest Georgia has been blessed with numerous ministries and charities that form a crucial part of the cultural, social, and spiritual environment; and  |
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| WHEREAS:   | The Salvation Army International was founded in London, England, by General William Booth, a Methodist minister who sought to help the poor and destitute, alcoholics and criminals, through the Christian Gospel and self-sacrificial social work; and   |
| WHEREAS:   | Within 25 years of its founding, Salvation Army had dispatched a "voluntary<br>army" of evangelists into 58 countries, providing spiritual hope and material<br>relief to those in dire need; and   |
| WHEREAS:   | The staff and board members of the Albany Salvation Army has likewise<br>tirelessly served the hurting and homeless in Southwest Georgia for many<br>decades, providing hot meals, safe lodging, food, clothing, and utility assistance<br>to hundreds of individuals in the community; and   |
| WHEREAS:   | The Albany Salvation Army, through the Place for Hope Day Shelter, has<br>provided laundry, counseling, and employment services in its mission to help<br>the homeless become productive members of society. They also, in partnership<br>with Toys for Tots and the United States Marine Corps, work to distribute toys<br>to underprivileged children each Christmas; and |
| WHEREAS:   | The Salvation Army has consistently provided refuge and relief to those with the greatest need for 100 years, and is celebrating its 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "doing the most good" since 1919; now   |
| THEREFORE: | I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim<br>March 4 – 10, 2019, as ALBANY SALVATION ARMY WEEK 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 March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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