



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites are important to our state's heritage, marking the arrival of American Indians more than 10,000 years ago and documenting the exploration, colonization, and founding of our nation by Europeans, Africans, and Asians; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites lie under forests, farms, and cities as well as beneath rivers, streams, and coastal waters. These sites, which hold clues about our state's rich and diverse history, are fragile and endangered by forces such as erosion, uncontrolled development, and looting or vandalism; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeological sites have yielded significant information about the technology of Native Americans who inhabited this land from the mountains to the sea, providing a better understanding of the form, function, and materials used in making items necessary for human survival, even today; and
- WHEREAS:** The study, interpretation, and preservation of our archeological sites offer important educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's archaeologists seek to increase our citizens' awareness of our state's archeological history as a means to protect and preserve these irreplaceable links to our past; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH in Georgia and call upon our citizens to recognize and participate in this special observance of our heritage.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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