A PROCLAMATION

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

WHEREAS: The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, was ratified by three-fourths of states on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS: Drafted by James Madison, the Bill of Rights lists prohibitions on government power in response to calls from several states for constitutional protection of individual liberties; and

WHEREAS: The freedom of religion, speech, and the press; the right to bear arms; the housing of soldiers; protection from unreasonable searches and seizures; protection of rights to life, liberty, and property; rights of accused persons in criminal cases; rights in civil cases; excessive bail, fines, and punishments forbidden; other rights kept by the people; and undelegated powers kept by the states and the people are the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS: These freedoms are cherished foundations of our free society, and they are governed by the rule of law, not at the behest of men; and

WHEREAS: Bill of Rights Day provides an important opportunity to reflect on this treasured document that has guided our nation throughout the past 228 years; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2019, as BILL OF RIGHTS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.