



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Across the United States this February, millions of Americans join together to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments and lasting impact of our country's great African-American leaders and citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** In this national celebration, we applaud the transformational contributions of the African-American community, which has overcome tremendous adversity to build lasting change for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is endlessly proud of her African-American sons and daughters, including our beloved Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Congressman John Lewis, Gladys Knight, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, and the many, countless heroes whose contributions are woven into our national fabric; and
- WHEREAS:** In our country's recognition of Black History Month, we reflect on the great strides that we have made to ensure freedom for all people, regardless of race, color, or creed in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness – and we recognize that our work must continue; and
- WHEREAS:** To preserve and build on this monumental progress for equality and freedom, we cannot rest on our laurels. Together, we must pledge to fight against injustice, prejudice, intolerance, and racism wherever it may be. In this collective effort, we can secure a safer, brighter Georgia and United States for our children; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2019 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in Georgia to encourage activities in honor of the contributions of African-Americans across the globe.

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



Brian P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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