



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** On September 17, 2019 and the week following, we celebrate the 232nd Anniversary of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. At this convention, the world's oldest written constitution was drafted by the United States, thus outlining the fundamental principles by which our nation is governed; and
- WHEREAS:** Our Constitution establishes six basic governing principles for society. These include popular sovereignty, the rule of law, federalism, judicial review, individual rights, and separation of powers through a system of checks and balances; and
- WHEREAS:** Popular sovereignty is the foundation of our government, a government that was created by and for the people. However, the rule of law requires that this government be guided by a set of laws, not an individual or lone group; and
- WHEREAS:** Federalism provides for the sharing of power between our national government and individual state governments; and
- WHEREAS:** The Constitution ensures the distribution of functions and responsibilities among three separate branches and a system of checks and balances to calibrate those powers, ultimately ensuring the protection of individual rights and liberties; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia was the fourth state in the union to ratify the Constitution. Georgia delegates Abraham Baldwin and William Few signed the document on January 2, 1788; and
- WHEREAS:** Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all citizens to learn of Georgia's role during our nation's founding; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2019 as CONSTITUTION WEEK and September 17, 2019 as CONSTITUTION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF