



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### EMPEROR OF JAPAN DAY

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia and Japan have enjoyed many long years of friendship and partnership, with the Japanese community thriving alongside other communities to make Georgia greater for all; and
- WHEREAS:** Japanese-Americans have significantly contributed to many areas, including education, business, arts, sports, science, and more positively affected the lives of many citizens across the State of Georgia and the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Naruhito ascended to the Chrysanthemum Throne on May 1, 2019 to become the 126<sup>th</sup> Emperor of Japan; and
- WHEREAS:** Emperor Naruhito's ascension to the throne not only marks the start of a new emperor in Japan, but also the start of a new imperial era. This transition marks the end of the Heisei era and the beginning of the Reiwa era; and
- WHEREAS:** The rich history of Japan's relationship with the State of Georgia provides a bright outlook for the continuation of strong cultural, political, and economic bonds throughout the Reiwa era; and
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2019 as EMPEROR OF JAPAN DAY. I encourage all Georgians to celebrate the joy of our great friends, the people of Japan, for the beginning of this new era, wishing a long life to the new Emperor and looking forward to a stronger partnership for the long years to come.

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



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF