

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCAD DAY

WHEREAS:	The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) was founded in 1978 to prepare talented students for creative professions through engaged teaching and learning in a positively oriented university environment; and
WHEREAS:	In the fall of 1979, four administrators and seven professors welcomed 71 students for the first day of class in historic downtown Savannah, Georgia. SCAD has since grown into a global university, enrolling nearly 15,000 students at campuses in Savannah, Atlanta, Hong Kong, and Lacoste, France; and
WHEREAS:	SCAD has also grown to become the world's leading university for creative careers, offering more than 100 programs in architecture, animation, fashion, film, and television, plus degree programs never before seen in higher education, including immersive reality, motion media, visual effects, UX design, and more; and
WHEREAS:	SCAD's alumni employment rate has reached 99 percent, and SCAD's alumni network is now more than 40,000 graduates working at some of the world's most respected companies in Georgia and in 70 countries around the world; and
WHEREAS:	SCAD has rehabilitated and restored more than 100 historic buildings globally and generates more than \$600 million in annual economic impact in the State of Georgia alone, supporting more than 6,600 jobs; and
WHEREAS:	Paula Wallace, a native Georgian, visionary educator, and the president and founder of SCAD, has dedicated 40 years to architecting SCAD, culminating in this year's celebration of 40 years of transforming talented students into productive professionals who benefit their communities, their employers, their families, and their world; now
THEREFORE:	I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019, as SCAD DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

