



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SQUARE DANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Square Dancing, the Official Folk Dance of the State of Georgia, has a long tradition of providing wholesome entertainment for Georgians of all ages who participate in this exciting and friendly activity; and
- WHEREAS:** The square dance is a popular type of folk dance throughout the world. Square dance is called in English worldwide, allowing dancers to dance around the world. This dance for groups of four couples is performed in a compact framework, with each couple forming a side of a square; and
- WHEREAS:** Traditionally, square dancing is accompanied by a variety of music. The couples perform a variety of movements prompted by the patter or singing instruction of a "caller." Cooperative movement is the hallmark of well-executed square dancing; and
- WHEREAS:** Square dancing is designated as the official folk dance of Georgia by Georgia Code § 50-3-73; and
- WHEREAS:** Folk dances such as square dancing, round dancing, clogging, contra, and line dancing are traditionally forms of community celebration. Such dances require teamwork and cooperation, and are healthy and entertaining pastimes that bring joy to many Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia was awarded the National Convention in June 2015, this was the first time Georgia has been selected. The 68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® will be held at the Cobb Galleria Centre and Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta on June 26 – 29, 2019; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as SQUARE DANCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF