BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

WHEREAS: Georgia’s archaeological sites are important to our state’s heritage, marking the arrival of American Indians more than 10,000 years ago and documenting the exploration, colonization, and founding of our nation by Europeans, Africans, and Asians; and

WHEREAS: Georgia’s archaeological sites lie under forests, farms, and cities as well as beneath rivers, streams, and coastal waters. These sites, which hold clues about our state’s rich and diverse history, are fragile and endangered by forces such as erosion, uncontrolled development, and looting or vandalism; and

WHEREAS: Georgia’s archaeological sites have yielded significant information about the technology of Native Americans who inhabited this land from the mountains to the sea, providing a better understanding of the form, function, and materials used in making items necessary for human survival, even today; and

WHEREAS: The study, interpretation, and preservation of our archeological sites offer important educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all Georgians; and

WHEREAS: Georgia’s archaeologists seek to increase our citizens’ awareness of our state’s archeological history as a means to protect and preserve these irreplaceable links to our past; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH in Georgia and call upon our citizens to recognize and participate in this special observance of our heritage.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.