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 126th 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 1st day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

ATTTEST
[Signature]
CHIEF OF STAFF