



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BLINDED VETERANS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Blinded Veterans Day strives to raise awareness about veterans who have been blinded or are living with visual impairments from their military service so that we can improve the Veteran Affairs (VA) rehabilitation services, benefits, research, and caregiver support; and
- WHEREAS:** In the United States, an estimated 130,000 veterans are legally blind and over a million more are living with visual impairments that affect their everyday lives; and
- WHEREAS:** The VA offers several services for blinded veterans, including guide dog services, adjustment to blindness training, talking books, tapes, Braille literature, low vision aids, and home structural alterations and improvements; and
- WHEREAS:** The Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) was founded in 1945 and chartered by Congress in 1958. BVA has helped veterans and their families overcome the challenges associated with blindness by offering services and support for seventy-five years; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2020 as BLINDED VETERANS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF