



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

3RD INFANTRY DIVISION DAY

- WHEREAS:** Since its founding 104 years ago, the United States Army's 3rd Infantry Division has evolved into a premier fighting force. Known as the Hammer of XVIII Airborne Corps, the 3rd Infantry Division is the only Armored Division east of the Mississippi River. This historic Division is comprised of a diverse group of men and women from across America, with every soldier and leader at every level having pledged to uphold the Constitution and the army values of leadership, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage; and
- WHEREAS:** The 3rd Infantry Division was activated at Camp Greene, North Carolina, on November 21, 1917. During World War I, as a member of the American Expeditionary Force to Europe, the division earned its name as the "Rock of the Marne," when surrounding units retreated but the 3rd Infantry Division remained. The division boasts a storied history of valorous service in World War I, World War II, Korea, The Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom and its transition to New Dawn; and
- WHEREAS:** The 3rd Infantry Division is based at Fort Stewart, Fort Benning, and Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. Its current organization includes two Armored Brigade Combat Teams, one Combat Aviation Brigade, one Division Artillery Brigade, and one Sustainment Brigade. The Division repeatedly demonstrates its capability by deploying around the world in support of real-world missions, partnership training, and peacekeeping missions; and
- WHEREAS:** 60 members of the 3rd Infantry Division have been awarded the Medal of Honor, more than any other Division in the United States Army. The division continues to educate the public on the bravery and sacrifice of its historic members while recognizing many 3rd Infantry Division Gold Star spouses and families; and
- WHEREAS:** The 3rd Infantry Division continues to enhance and upgrade warfighting capabilities with the most lethal ground and rotary wing combat equipment available in the world. By 2023, the 3rd Infantry Division will consist of the most modern Aviation and Armored Brigades in the United States Army, always ready, willing, and able to respond to the nation's call-in time of need; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2021 as 3rd INFANTRY DIVISION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF