



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF HUNGARY'S REVOLUTION AND HUNGARIAN AMERICAN BOND

- WHEREAS:** In 1956, Hungarian freedom fighters rose up and fought for liberty from their communist government. People all across the country took up arms to demand freedom from the oppressive regime; and
- WHEREAS:** The revolution made clear the Hungarian people's desire for individual freedom, and 200,000 Hungarians successfully escaped from the country's communist leaders, with 35,000 making their way to the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Many Hungarians settled in Georgia, helping to create a deep link between the state and the Hungarian people and culture. Great Georgians of Hungarian ancestry include the Rich Brothers of Rich's Department Store, William Fox of the Fox Theatre, and former Sandy Springs mayor Eva Galambos; and
- WHEREAS:** Today 20,000 Hungarians and counting call Georgia home. In celebration of the 65th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution, the sculpture "Freedom Fighter," made from Georgia blue key granite, is being unveiled in Athens, Georgia to forever memorialize the spirit of freedom the Revolution was built upon; and
- WHEREAS:** It is an honor to welcome Ambassador Szabolcs Takács, Honorary Consul General John Parkerson, President of the Hungarian American Coalition Andrea Lauer Rice, and all gathered today to celebrate the unveiling of this sculpture and the enduring spirit of the 1956 Revolution; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby recognize the 65th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the bond between the American and Hungarian people this October 23, 2021 in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF