



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL DAYS

- WHEREAS:** The Vidalia Onion Festival celebrates the annual harvest of Georgia's state vegetable, the Vidalia onion, and attracts over 50,000 visitors from around the world; and
- WHEREAS:** The Vidalia Onion Festival began in 1977 when the Vidalia Women's Club and the Vidalia Lion's Club organized an arts festival as a fundraiser to promote Vidalia onions. Since then, the Vidalia Onion Festival has grown tremendously and greatly impacts the economy of the South Georgia region; and
- WHEREAS:** Because the Vidalia Onion Festival operates on local contributions, event sponsorships, and limited revenue-generating activities, all funds are donated directly to the community throughout the year; and
- WHEREAS:** This year's festival includes local contests, talent shows, and creative activities that will allow countless Americans to join in the celebration of the 44th Annual Vidalia Onion Festival; and
- WHEREAS:** The Vidalia Onion Festival Days will give community members multiple opportunities to celebrate the harvest. Through parades, concerts, and fireworks, the festival will showcase the heart of Vidalia and the importance of the Vidalia onion; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 22 -25, 2021, as VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL DAYS in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF