



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Public Safety was created on March 19, 1937 in response to the huge increase in the number of motor vehicles on Georgia roads and the numerous traffic crashes involving injuries and deaths; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Public Safety has been the foundation from which several separate state agencies have been created through the years, including the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Driver Services, GBI Crime Lab, Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (POST), Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Georgia Police Academy, and Georgia Crime Information Center; and
- WHEREAS:** Under its current leadership of Commissioner and Chief Executive Christopher C. Wright, Deputy Commissioner Lieutenant Colonel William W. Hitchens III, Director of Support/Administrative Operation Lieutenant Colonel Stephanie L. Stallings, and Chief of Staff Major Joshua Lamb, the Georgia Department of Public Safety oversees the day-to-day operations of the Georgia State Patrol, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and Capitol Police; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia State Patrol troopers investigate traffic crashes and enforce traffic and criminal laws on the state's roads under the leadership of Major Kendrick Lowe and Major Robert Balkcom; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia State Patrol has been one of the leading law enforcement agencies in the country with regards to new technology and innovations; and
- WHEREAS:** Under the leadership of Major Thornell King, the officers with the Capitol Police Division investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes, manage street closures for events, patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings, provide courtroom security for the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, conduct security assessments and surveillance detection, and deliver personal safety training for state employees; and
- WHEREAS:** Under the leadership of Major Wayne Mobley, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performs driver and vehicle inspections of commercial motor vehicles at roadsides, inspection stations, and at carriers' terminals while promoting the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors of this state while adhering to its Core Values of Trust, Fortitude, Professionalism, and Compassion; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2022 as the GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Brandon Kipertovich*

CHIEF OF STAFF