



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 sweet Vidalia Onion and attracts over 50,000 visitors from around the world to South Georgia each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Providing a significant economic impact to the South Georgia region, the Vidalia Onion Festival has grown tremendously since its humble beginning in 1977 when the Vidalia Women's Club and the Vidalia Lion's Club organized an arts and crafts festival as a fundraiser to promote the sweet Vidalia Onion; and
- WHEREAS:** The Vidalia Onion Festival operates on local contributions, event sponsorship, and limited revenue-generating activities and, in turn, donates funds back to the community throughout the year; and
- WHEREAS:** The 45th Annual Vidalia Onion Festival will open with a Student's Chalk Walk and Children's Parade on Thursday, April 21st; a concert headlined by ACM Award Winning artist, Lee Brice on Friday, April 22nd, and a street dance and fireworks at the Vidalia Regional Airport with The Geek Squad Band on Saturday, April 23rd; and
- WHEREAS:** The celebration of the sweet Vidalia Onion harvest is shared with people from around the world and showcases the heart of Vidalia through live entertainment, onion cooking events, storytelling, and a 2-day Air Show that will feature the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels on Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 21—24, 2022, 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 18th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Brandon Kipertovich

CHIEF OF STAFF