



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

ESTABLISHING THE GEORGIA US250 COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: The 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America will occur on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Georgia was one of the thirteen colonies that declared independence on July 4, 1776, and Georgians made significant contributions to American independence; and

WHEREAS: The United States Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission in 2016 to provide for the observance and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission has encouraged states to establish state-level commissions to plan and coordinate activities commemorating the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding within each state; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia should recognize its unique role in the founding of our nation by undertaking commemorative activities that honor Georgians' role in the American Revolution and enhance the understanding of Georgia's history and the history of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the Georgia US250 Committee (the "Committee") is established and shall serve as the State's representative to plan and coordinate activities commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Committee shall develop and execute a plan for the celebration, commemoration, and observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, and the founding of the United States of America through civic, cultural, and historical education, events, and programming.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Committee shall coordinate and engage with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, other local, county, and state commissions, and public and private partners to fulfill its purpose.

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ORDERED: That the Committee may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of donations, funds, and gifts, in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations, to support the goals and purposes of the Committee.

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ORDERED: All departments and agencies of the state shall, upon request of the Committee or the Governor, provide requested services, information, and staff support for the council, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Committee shall consist of four members, as follows:

1. The Governor's designee;
2. The President of the Georgia Historical Society, or his or her designee;
3. The Chair of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Humanities Council, or his or her designee; and
4. The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, or his or her designee.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Governor's designee shall serve as chair of the Committee.

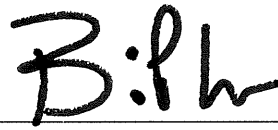
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ORDERED: Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services, except that any members who are state officers or employees may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by the agency or department in which they serve as an officer or employee.

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ORDERED: That this Order shall be effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026.

This 31st day of October 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR