



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY

- WHEREAS:** The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 as a special day for planting trees and has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Community trees improve public health and air and water quality, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, increase property values and economic vitality in business areas, increase energy efficiency through shade, provide habitats for wildlife, and beautify neighborhoods, parks, streets, and residential developments; and
- WHEREAS:** Community forestry leaders and partners will be joined together in a celebration of Arbor Day and recognition of the state's Tree City USA, Tree Campus USA, and Tree Line USA partners and the Georgia Forestry Commission's urban and community forestry program; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Forestry Commission's initiatives and celebration of Arbor Day encourages citizens to plant trees, leaving a legacy for present and future generations; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2023, as AMERICAN HEART MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martina Kipferich

CHIEF OF STAFF