



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA BULLDOGS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

- WHEREAS:** On January 10, 2022, University of Georgia fans across the state and nation celebrated as their beloved Bulldogs were crowned national champions for the first time since 1980 when the Dawgs vanquished the Alabama Crimson Tide in a historic victory; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, Head Coach Kirby Smart led a new breed of bulldog onto the field of battle as they sought to build on the foundation laid by 2021's squad and once again bring a championship to Athens despite significant losses of both players and coaches as well as strong competition from across the SEC and nation; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2022 Bulldogs refused to be hunted, using a high-flying offense led by Heisman finalist Stetson Bennett and a once again dominant defense featuring Jalen Carter to win a SEC Championship, pull off a Midnight Miracle win in the Peach Bowl over the Ohio State Buckeyes, and again earn the right to reach the pinnacle of college football for a second straight season; and
- WHEREAS:** The undefeated reigning National Champions made their way to the City of Angels, the Land of No Tailgating Allowed, to take on the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs on January 9, 2023, where, in a display of utter dominance, the Dawgs conquered the Frogs 65-7 to set an all-time bowl record for margin of victory and complete UGA's first undefeated season since the legendary 1980 National Championship while cementing their status as one of the premier programs in college football; and
- WHEREAS:** While mourning the loss of Georgia legends Coach Vince Dooley and Charley Trippi, Dawg Nation now pays tribute by celebrating back-to-back national championships on Dooley Field where these damn good dawgs made an impact on so many; and
- WHEREAS:** This Saturday in Athens, all who proudly wear the red and black are invited to celebrate this victory in the Classic City and across the state, as we collectively revel in this triumph and express the sentiments of the entire Bulldog Nation with two simple words: Go Dawgs; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, January 14th, 2023, as GEORGIA BULLDOGS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY 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 January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF