



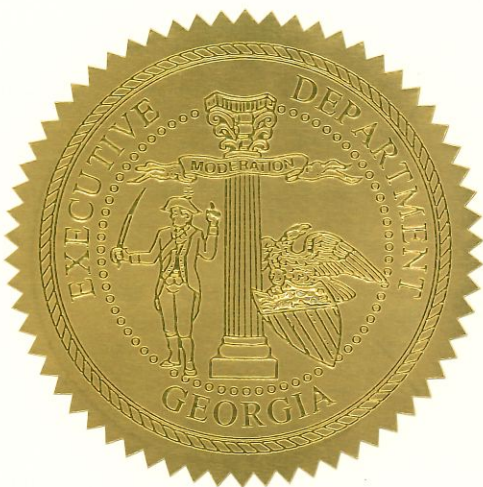
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INDIA DAY

- WHEREAS:** India gained independence from the British Empire on August 15, 1947, when the British Parliament passed the Indian Independence Act 1947 and transferred legislative sovereignty to the Indian Constituent Assembly; and
- WHEREAS:** The passage of the act ended nearly two centuries of British rule over the Indian subcontinent and marked the beginning of India's identity as a free and sovereign nation of people; and
- WHEREAS:** With a population of more than 1.3 billion people, the Republic of India is now the world's largest democracy, and shares with the United States common goals of promoting and supporting human rights, freedom, and the rule of law; and
- WHEREAS:** India's Independence Day is one of India's three national holidays and is celebrated by governmental and non-governmental institutions across the country with flag-hoisting ceremonies, kite-flying, parades, pageants, and cultural events; and
- WHEREAS:** The holiday has risen to global prominence, especially in areas with large populations of Indian residents in Georgia. On India Day, the State of Georgia recognizes the record success of Indian community and celebrate the contributions of India and India's people across this great state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2023, as INDIA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF