



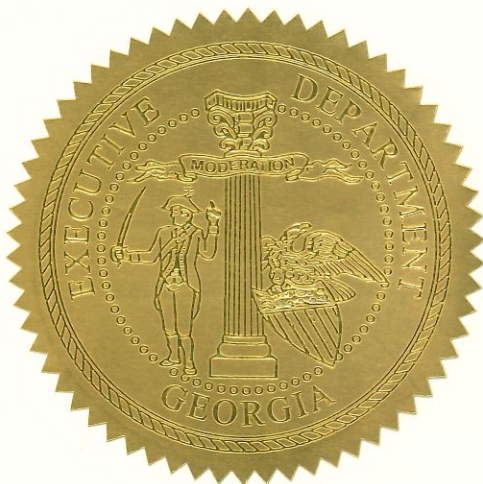
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

JUDICIAL COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS:** The judiciary is one of the cornerstones of a democratic system of government and our Georgia Constitution establishes the judicial branch as a co-equal partner with the executive and legislative branches; and
- WHEREAS:** The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) was created by an act of the General Assembly in 1973 to serve as the service agency of an active Judicial Council. Services provided include research, technology, communication, subject matter expertise and much more, focusing on improving the administration of justice in this state; and
- WHEREAS:** Over the past five decades, the Judicial Council, with the assistance of the AOC, has helped unify and streamline the functions of the court system across the state, and has given a voice to all classes of court in the State; and
- WHEREAS:** The Judicial Council and AOC have sought collaboration and input from all classes of court, providing meaningful leadership and support for the Judiciary in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** During the global pandemic and the Judicial Emergency of 2020-2021, the Judicial Council and the AOC fulfilled a critical role in providing assistance and direction as well as crucial leadership for the court systems of every circuit in the State; and
- WHEREAS:** The employees of the Judicial Council and the AOC worked tirelessly to assure the continuation of the judicial functions of the State and to fulfill their statutory and constitutional duties during the emergency; and
- WHEREAS:** The leaders of the Judicial Council and the staff of the AOC have provided exemplary service to the people of the State of Georgia for fifty years; and
- WHEREAS:** On this special occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Judicial Council and AOC, the State of Georgia congratulates and thanks the members and staff of these two essential entities for their service and dedication to the Judicial Branch and the State; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as JUDICIAL COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF