



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

LAO HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The United States of America recognized the Kingdom of Laos on February 7, 1950; and
- WHEREAS:** Many Lao people courageously fought alongside Americans during the Vietnam War despite retribution from the Vietnamese and Laotian governments; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to a significant number of Laotian Americans, many of whom were provided political asylum and citizenship because of their unique contributions to American Interests; and
- WHEREAS:** The Lao community of Georgia has made significant contributions to our state's diverse culture, tradition, language, and population including preserving and promoting the rich Lao heritage; and
- WHEREAS:** Laotian Americans contribute positively to the social, educational, political, civic, cultural, and economic well-being of our state with hundreds of businesses and community organizations in the region; and
- WHEREAS:** April is Lao New Year, and it is celebrated throughout the world by Laotians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as LAO HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Markus Kipfer

CHIEF OF STAFF