



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FUNK DAY

- WHEREAS:** Funk music, with its vibrant energy, innovative sound, and infectious rhythms, has significantly influenced the music industry and Georgia's culture, bringing joy, unity, and inspiration to countless individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** Funk music originated in the mid-1960s and flourished in the 1970s, combining elements of rhythm and blues, jazz, and soul, led by pioneering artists such as James Brown, George Clinton, Sly and the Family Stone, Parliament-Funkadelic, Jimmy Brown, and Brick; and
- WHEREAS:** Atlanta and the State of Georgia continue to have a strong historical connection to Funk music. The city helped spawn two legends, Curtis Reynolds of RIPPLE, & Jimmy Brown of BRICK, who have been playing together for over 45 years, having been members of the first and second funk bands out of Atlanta, respectively; and
- WHEREAS:** The legacy of funk music continues to thrive today, influencing contemporary artists and genres, and fostering a sense of community and cultural pride among fans worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** A day dedicated to funk music provides an opportunity for citizens of all ages to come together, enjoy live performances, participate in educational workshops, honor the legacies of Atlanta's funk artists, and celebrate the unique and dynamic spirit of funk, and thereby help to preserve its rich heritage; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 12, 2024, as FUNK DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Laura M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF