



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL DAYS

- WHEREAS:** The Vidalia Onion Festival celebrates the annual harvest of Georgia's State Vegetable, the Vidalia Onion and attracts over 30,000 visitors from around the world to South Georgia each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Providing a significant economic impact to the South Georgia region, the Vidalia Onion Festival has grown tremendously since its humble beginning in 1977 when the Vidalia Women's Club and the Vidalia Lion's Club organized an arts and crafts festival as a fundraiser to promote the Vidalia Onion; and
- WHEREAS:** The Vidalia Onion Festival operates on local contributions, event sponsorship and limited revenue-generating activities and, in turn, donates funds back to the community throughout the year; and
- WHEREAS:** The 48th Annual Vidalia Onion Festival will hold multiple events in the Ronnie A. Dixon City Park to bring awareness to beautiful Historic Downtown Vidalia. Pre-festival events begin on April 22nd with a Movie Under the Stars and a Cooking Demonstration featuring Vera Stewart. On April 23rd the Carnival begins, and on April 24th a Student's Chalk Walk, the Opening Ceremonies, and Street Dance with Fireworks; and
- WHEREAS:** The Vidalia Regional Airport will host two concerts, on Friday April 25th headlined by ERNEST, and on Saturday April 26th featuring CLINT BLACK, and numerous other performers throughout the weekend; and
- WHEREAS:** Traditional favorites events like Arts and Crafts, the Onion Run, the Sweet Onion Showdown, and the famous Vidalia Onion Eating Contest, sky diving, tethered hot air balloon rides and other family-friendly events, ensuring a memorable experience for all; and
- WHEREAS:** With the aroma of freshly cooked Vidalia Onions, the celebration of the Vidalia Onion harvest is shared with people from around the world with a diverse array of activities and entertainment, and recognition of Vidalia Onion lore; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 22 and 24-27, 2025, as VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL DAYS in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF