



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

209TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF MEXICO

- WHEREAS:** Georgians join the Mexican community in their celebration of the 209th Anniversary of the Independence of Mexico; and
- WHEREAS:** Over two centuries ago, Miguel Hidalgo entered the parish church in the town of Dolores and rang the church bell, thus sparking a revolution known as the Mexican War of Independence; and
- WHEREAS:** Mexico has a longstanding relationship with the State of Georgia. Their consular office in Atlanta, Georgia has represented their country since 1963; and
- WHEREAS:** Mexico and Georgia are united by strong cultural ties. Approximately 545,000 Mexican-Americans live in Georgia today, and they comprise 5.5 percent of Georgia's population and 60 percent of the state's Hispanic community; and
- WHEREAS:** Mexico supports more than 152,500 jobs in Georgia and is Georgia's third-largest trading partner. In 2017 alone, trade between Mexico and Georgia totaled more than \$10.4 billion; and
- WHEREAS:** Collaborations and thoughtful interactions between government entities, universities, and other institutions allow the collective work of Mexico and Georgia to reach new heights in academic and interagency research, training, and student exchange programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The contributions of Mexican-Americans have sparked the growth of cultural and economic development in Georgia; and
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2019 as the 209TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF MEXICO in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF