



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BALLOON MONTH

WHEREAS: The modern-day manufactured latex toy balloon was invented in 1931 by Neil Tillotson, a chemical engineer and inventor from New England; and

WHEREAS: Since the 1930s, the balloon industry has grown dramatically. In the 1970s, latex balloon bouquets filled with helium were the most popular style, with twister balloons being a close second when used to create various animals and amusing shapes for children of all ages; and

WHEREAS: In the late 1970s, foil balloons were invented and patented by Gerald Hurst, a Cambridge chemist. These new foil balloons were favorably received and further expanded the industry; and

WHEREAS: Today, balloons come in all shapes and sizes and are used extensively by universities, businesses, and many other organizations to show support, launch new ideas, products, or services, and to advertise; and

WHEREAS: Balloons symbolize celebration, happiness, and fun and can be enjoyed by everyone; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as BALLOON MONTH in Georgia and encourage Georgia's families to experience the joy and simplicity of balloons in their celebrations of life's special moments.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Fleming

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