



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

- WHEREAS:** The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, was ratified by three-fourths of states on December 15, 1791; and
- WHEREAS:** Drafted by James Madison, the Bill of Rights lists prohibitions on government power in response to calls from several states for constitutional protection of individual liberties; and
- WHEREAS:** The freedom of religion, speech, and the press; the right to bear arms; the housing of soldiers; protection from unreasonable searches and seizures; protection of rights to life, liberty, and property; rights of accused persons in criminal cases; rights in civil cases; excessive bail, fines, and punishments forbidden; other rights kept by the people; and undelegated powers kept by the states and the people are the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights; and
- WHEREAS:** These freedoms are cherished foundations of our free society, and they are governed by the rule of law, not at the behest of men; and
- WHEREAS:** Bill of Rights Day provides an important opportunity to reflect on this treasured document that has guided our nation throughout the past 228 years; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2019, as BILL OF RIGHTS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF