



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Emigration from the Caribbean region to the American colonies began as early as 1619. Since then, millions of people have come from the Caribbean to the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** People of Caribbean descent reside in every region of the United States and have influenced American culture, society, and government; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is one of the most culturally enriched and diverse states in the southeastern region of the United States. It is home to more than 250,000 people of Caribbean descent; and
- WHEREAS:** Caribbean-Americans have made significant contributions to a variety of areas including education, fine arts, business, sports, and science; and
- WHEREAS:** Caribbean-Americans played an active role in the civil rights movement and they continue to make important contributions to social and political issues facing our state and nation; and
- WHEREAS:** For the fourteenth annual celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, the Georgia Caribbean American Heritage Coalition will showcase the Caribbean Spanish countries of Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Panama, and Puerto Rico; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF