



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Peanuts and peanut products are recognized throughout our nation and the world as a highly appetizing and nutritious food, providing protein and other nutrients as part of a well-balanced diet; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia ranks first in the nation in peanut production; producing nearly 50 percent of the country's total peanut crop in 2018. Georgia also leads the country in peanut exports, making a substantial contribution to the economic well-being of the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Peanut production is the second largest single cash row crop in Georgia, with gross farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and
- WHEREAS:** Hundreds of Georgia companies that are engaged in warehousing, processing, manufacturing and marketing entirely depend on the peanut industry, and the hundreds of other Georgia companies engaged in financing, supplies, distributing and transporting all depend to some extent on the peanut industry; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia peanut industry has played a significant role in the economic growth and prosperity of our state, contributing an estimated \$2 billion to the state's economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH and encourage our citizens to try delicious Georgia peanuts raw, roasted, boiled, or even dipped in chocolate.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF