



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL DAYS

WHEREAS: The Vidalia Onion Festival celebrates the annual harvest of Georgia's state vegetable, the Vidalia onion, and attracts over 50,000 visitors from around the world to South Georgia each year; and

WHEREAS: Providing a significant economic impact to the South Georgia region, the Vidalia Onion Festival has grown tremendously since its humble beginning in 1977 when the Vidalia Women's Club and the Vidalia Lions Club Organized an arts and crafts festival as a fundraiser to promote the Vidalia onion; and

WHEREAS: The Vidalia Onion Festival operates on local contributions, event sponsorship, and limited revenue-generating activities and, in turn, donates funds back to the community throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: With the aroma of freshly cooked Vidalia onions, the celebration of the Vidalia onion harvest is shared with people from around the world beginning with the crowning of the 2019 Miss Vidalia Onion, the Onion Run, recipe contest, the Culinary Extravaganza featuring Saylor Herrin, a contestant on Food Network's "Kids Baking Championship" Season 5, arts and crafts, live entertainment, a carnival, the Vidalia's Got Talent Show, and recognition of Vidalia onion lore; and

WHEREAS: The 42nd Annual Vidalia Onion Festival has the Children's Parade and Movie Under the Stars on Thursday, April 25, the Street Dance and Fireworks in Downtown Vidalia with the band The New Royals on Friday, April 26, and the Saturday Concert featuring country music's Randy Houser and Carly Pearce and additional fireworks on April 27; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 25-28, 2019, as VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL DAYS in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF