



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE DAY

- WHEREAS:** Suffragists began their organized fight for women's enfranchisement in 1848 when they demanded the right to vote during the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York; and
- WHEREAS:** For the next seventy-two years, women leaders lobbied, marched, and protested for the right to the ballot; and
- WHEREAS:** On June 4, 1919, the U.S. Congress finally passed the 19th Amendment, and the necessary thirty-six states ratified the amendment by August of 1920. This was the single largest expansion of voting rights in United States history; and
- WHEREAS:** The women of Georgia finally gained the right to vote on August 13, 1921 when Governor Thomas Hardwick signed the act that made it official; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, more than 68 million women vote in elections because of the women and men who waged and won the fight for the vote; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2019 as WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE DAY in Georgia.

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

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