

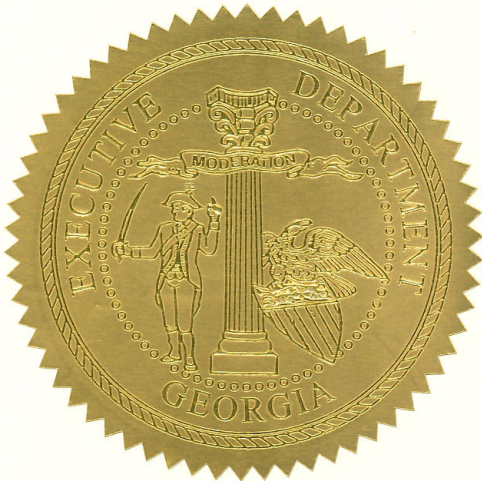
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HUNKER DOWN DAY

- WHEREAS:** On Monday, January 9, 2023, the Georgia Bulldogs will face off against the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs in the College Football Playoff National Championship; and
- WHEREAS:** Following their historic national championship victory last season, this year's Georgia team has built their own legacy of which the entire Bulldog nation can be justifiably proud as they attempt to both defend their title and become the first undefeated squad since the famous 1980 National Champion Dawgs; and
- WHEREAS:** Once again led by quarterback and Heisman finalist Stetson Bennett, Georgia's offense has wowed fans with its high-scoring performances and produced points when called upon in the must-win moments. With the best tight ends in football in Brock Bowers and Darnell Washington, a nationally recognized offensive line, and a backfield and receiving corps defined by their depth and adaptability, this unit has applied their 'next man up' mentality to become one of the best offenses in UGA history; and
- WHEREAS:** Following in the footsteps of 2021's generational defense, this year's defenders have set themselves apart in their own right, shutting down some of the best offenses in football. With Jalen Carter and the defensive line filling the interior, the linebacking corps led by the pair of Smael Mondon and Jamon Dumas-Johnson making plays at every level, an experienced secondary including All-American Christopher Smith and Kelee Ringo, and the leadership of Nolan Smith both on and off the field, the Dawgs' defense has silenced the doubters and proved a nightmare for opposing offenses all year; and
- WHEREAS:** Coach Kirby Smart and his staff have put their team in position to reach the pinnacle of college football and become the first back-to-back national champion in nearly 20 years; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, Georgians were invited to wear red and black on the day of the national championship and were rewarded with their first title in over 40 years. Now, with a new breed of bulldog ready to take the field of battle, let us all once again rally behind the men who now wear the red and black and, as the great Larry Munson once said, "hunker it down one more time;" now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2023 as HUNKER DOWN DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF