



WHEREAS, the State of Georgia was founded by James Edward Oglethorpe, a general in the British Army, a member of the Parliament, and adventurer, who received a Royal Charter to establish a colony in honor of King George II, the last of the thirteen colonies to be founded; and

WHEREAS, George Walton, Button Gwinnett, and Lyman Hall each signed the Declaration of Independence on behalf of Georgia, which later became the fourth state to ratify the Constitution of the United States of America on January 2, 1788; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's spectacular natural beauty, from the mountains to the seashore, its many historical sites, as well as its unique cultural heritage, are all reasons to celebrate this great state; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has been home to many influential leaders who have had monumental impacts on the world for the better; including Yamacraw Chief Tomochichi who formed a friendship with Oglethorpe, Juliette Gordon Low, and Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hall County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 12, 2026, to be

GEORGIA DAY

and encourages every Georgian to rediscover our state's natural, cultural, and historical importance, as well as recognize the people, institutions, and historic events, that have shaped Georgia's place in our shared history.

Adopted this 12th day of February 2026.

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