



The American Legion Auxiliary

Georgia Girls State

May 24, 2021

It is with a great deal of sadness that we must announce that the 2021 session of Georgia Girls State must be canceled due to the COVID19 Pandemic.

This critical decision comes following many conversations with Valerie Debro, President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Georgia, Kathryn Bryant, liaison from Georgia Southern University, Gabriele Barnett, Assistant Director, Wendy Riggle, National Girls State Chairman and with the members of the Board of Directors of Georgia Girls State.

We appreciate all the diligent work put in by the Auxiliary Units and the school personnel to get the students prepared for Girls State. We would like to commend the parents and students who were preparing for our session of Girls State. Many thanks to all Girls State staff members. We are so sorry that Girls State 2021 must be canceled, but with the schools closing and Governor Kemp's mandates at the time when the decision had to be made, we decided to cancel. We must put the lives of our staff, volunteers, students, and citizens first.

We wish for everyone to have a safe and healthy spring and summer and hope everyone will return healthy and ready to prepare for Girls State 2022.

Sincerely,

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Valerie Debro

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