BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECal) has designated the week of February 10-14, 2020 as Inclusive Learning Week; and

WHEREAS: Georgia recognizes that each child is unique, learns differently, and will experience optimal learning if teaching is tailored to his/her abilities and interests; and

WHEREAS: DECal works diligently to ensure that Georgia’s early education programs are characterized as high quality, inclusive environments where all children can learn and grow as individuals; and

WHEREAS: DECal has partnered with local school systems in Georgia to create and support 181 inclusion classrooms in Georgia’s Pre-K Program and has developed resources and a network of professionals within the department to help teachers meet the needs of every child in their care; and

WHEREAS: DECal’s efforts have contributed significantly to the empowerment and capacity of programs, providers, families, and communities to support children with disabilities in high quality inclusive environments in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: During Inclusive Early Learning Week and throughout the year, DECal will support early learning professionals, administrators, stakeholders, and families in focusing awareness to ensure that all children, including those with disabilities, have high quality early learning environments; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 10-14, 2020 as INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

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GOVERNOR

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ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF