BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

WHEREAS: The United States stands as a beacon of economic freedom and financial opportunity, yet many Americans have a great need for financial education to help them succeed. Financial life skills are more important than ever in helping Georgians achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS: Post-secondary education is a crucial asset for every individual and often acts as a strong determinant of long-term success, including financial stability, general well-being, and greater community involvement; and

WHEREAS: By the year 2025, it is estimated that 60 percent of jobs in Georgia will require some form of post-secondary education, and a commitment to proper and consistent financial planning is essential in ensuring children have access to education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) works to promote financial literacy and provide financial assistance to Georgia students pursuing a post-secondary credential; and

WHEREAS: Students can also receive assistance for college through a wide variety of federal benefits, which students should apply for by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and

WHEREAS: Completing the FAFSA and ensuring a student has applied for all financial aid programs they may be eligible for is a key component of practicing financial literacy while preparing for college; and

WHEREAS: Along with financial aid professionals across the nation, the Georgia Student Finance Commission recognizes the month of April as Financial Literacy Month and encourages all Georgia students enrolling at a postsecondary institution to complete the FAFSA and learn more about the available financial aid programs for qualifying Georgia students; and

WHEREAS: By gaining a greater understanding of federal and state financial aid, the next generation of leaders will be better equipped to graduate in a stable financial position; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF