



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 7-13, 2021 as INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia recognizes that each child is unique, learns differently, and, therefore, learns optimally if teaching is tailored to his/her abilities and interests; and
- WHEREAS:** DEACL 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 182 inclusion classrooms in Georgia's Pre-K Program; and
- WHEREAS:** DECAL has developed resources and a network of professionals 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; now
- WHEREAS:** During this special week, DECAL will support early learning professionals, administrators, stakeholders, families, and Georgia's citizens in focusing awareness on ensuring that all children, including those with disabilities, are served in high quality learning environments; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7-13, 2021 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF