



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of Georgia's small businesses that keep the state and America's economies growing strong. There are more than one million small businesses operating in Georgia, which make up 99.8 percent of all businesses in the state and employ 1.6 million of its residents; and
- WHEREAS:** Numerous entities, including the Georgia Center of Innovation, the Joint Economic Development Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, the House Rural Development Council, the Senate Study Committee on Rural Georgia, and many others are committed to helping our businesses grow and creating new jobs within the state, assisting urban and rural communities alike to create and enhance local entrepreneurial ecosystems, exemplary workforce training, financial assistance programs, research, and technical assistance; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia provides a wide array of services to small businesses, including the Small Business Development Centers and access to resources and assistance through programs like the Georgia State Small Business Credit Initiative, which is a state lending program that focuses on supporting small businesses and manufacturers; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2021, Georgia was named once again the best state in the nation in which to conduct business and was top five for the most black-owned businesses. Additionally, the number of women-owned businesses in America has soared in recent years, with operations in Georgia among the largest contributors to employment and revenue growth. These accomplishments and others give Georgians a bright future to look forward to; and
- WHEREAS:** During Small Business Week, the State of Georgia acknowledges and celebrates the achievements made by small businesses, both locally and nationally; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2-7, 2022 as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

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