



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY WEEK

- WHEREAS:** As the No. 1 state for business, Georgia is home to an economic environment where all businesses can thrive, providing world-class infrastructure, a hardworking, well-trained workforce, and a competitive tax system benefitting all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** For 47 years, the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC), Georgia's leading small business development and supplier diversity organization, has certified Minority Business Enterprise firms, developed their capability, capacity, and competency, and facilitated partnerships with corporations and governments in need of their goods and services; and
- WHEREAS:** The GMSDC serves more than 400 corporations that are headquartered in Georgia or have a significant presence in the state, as well as more than 900 certified Minority Business Enterprise firms; and
- WHEREAS:** The GMSDC continues to support Georgia's Minority Business Enterprises through its various signature events and educational programs designed to provide opportunities for growth, success, and long-term sustainability and, on September 19 – 23, 2022, the GMSDC will host its Quarterly Business Opportunity Exchange to stimulate opportunities and explore ways for minority businesses to do business with corporate and governmental supply chains; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has made important strides in fostering increased engagement with minority-owned businesses, creating a Small Business and Supplier Diversity Manager at the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS), offering Minority Business Enterprise certification through DOAS in conjunction with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise certification through the Department of Transportation, and providing further services through the Minority Business Development Agency at Georgia Tech and the Multicultural Business Division of the University of Georgia Small Business Development Center; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia remains committed to being a place where minority businesses can receive the support they need to grow and succeed as essential parts of their communities in every corner of our state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 19 – 23, 2022 as MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY WEEK in Georgia to honor the achievements of minority businesses and their importance to our economy.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kibretnick

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