



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors — individuals and organizations — to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and
- WHEREAS:** Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the second to last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”, recognizing the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and
- WHEREAS:** As nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer, and a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring military families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities, whether they are recent transplants or long-standing residents; and
- WHEREAS:** On behalf of a grateful Nation, the State of Georgia extends deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning Veterans, and their families; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2023, through October 1, 2023, as BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF