



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** For more than 150 years, Georgia community banks have provided the support local communities need to prosper and grow. They have established a tradition of extensive community involvement; consistently reinvesting deposits into the communities they serve in the form of commercial, agricultural, real estate, small business, and residential loans; and
- WHEREAS:** Community banks continually play a significant role in local economic development by helping to generate business opportunities and jobs, thereby continuing to strengthen the economy of hundreds of cities, towns, and communities across the state of Georgia. Community banks serve as a significant employer in Georgia with thousands of individuals employed in full and part-time positions, serving millions of account holders as well as thousands of shareholders; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 130 independent community banks across Georgia continue to make significant contributions to the well-being of Georgia communities with their financial support and their dedication as good neighbors and, on average, approximately 95 percent of a community financial institution's loan portfolio is reinvested in the local area as farm, commercial, residential, and small business loans; and
- WHEREAS:** The Community Bankers Association of Georgia is celebrating its 56th year of serving Georgia community banks; and
- WHEREAS:** To create a greater public awareness and understanding of the important role that community banks have played and will continue to play in our state, the Community Bankers Association of Georgia will celebrate Community Banking Month during the month of April 2024; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

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