



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Workplaces welcoming the talents of people with disabilities are a critical part of the efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy in Georgia. During Disability Employment Awareness Month, the State of Georgia seeks to bring awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the varied contributions of people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent that people with disabilities add to our workplaces, communities, and affirm the State of Georgia's commitment to a robust and broad business community; and
- WHEREAS:** The history of National Disability Employment Awareness month traces back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law, declaring the first week of each October, "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS:** Americans of all abilities must have access to good, and safe, jobs. Hiring employees with disabilities strengthens business, increases competition, and drives innovation; and
- WHEREAS:** During Disability Employment Awareness Month, the State of Georgia recognizes the importance of perspectives of individuals living with disabilities, and encourages employers, schools, and others to recognize that people with disabilities are up to the task throughout the year; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2024, as DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF