



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA READS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Proficient readers are necessary for our state's growing workforce and its economic vitality. Literacy skills empower individuals and give them the ability to have careers, keep healthy, live independently and contribute to society; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, the General Assembly recognized the importance of literacy skills with the passage of two bills: SB 211, which created the Georgia Council on Literacy, and HB 538, which required comprehensive education reforms for reading instruction in the science of reading; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Council on Literacy and its 30 members monitor the implementation of HB 538's requirements, review literacy data among various populations, and seek community participation to increase literacy rates and making recommendations for future budgets and policies; and
- WHEREAS:** Community involvement is essential to literacy improvements. This year "Georgia Reads" will recognize 10 Georgia Reads Communities – community partnerships that have increased literacy in the past three to five years. The goal is for all 159 counties to have Georgia Reads Communities by 2030; and
- WHEREAS:** On September 30, 2024, all Georgians are encouraged to create awareness about the importance of reading and encourage community partnerships to promote future literacy improvements; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2024, as GEORGIA READS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day in August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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