



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FARM TO SCHOOL AND FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Farm to School and Farm to Early Care and Education programs address some of Georgia's most critical issues through a comprehensive approach that supports child nutrition, thus improving children's academic performance and physical well-being and providing local market opportunities for Georgia farmers; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia agencies, schools, early care and education providers, parents, students, farmers, and communities collaborate to implement Farm to School and Farm to Early Care and Education programs that increase access and education around fresh, local, and nutritious foods; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia school districts and early care and education programs participate in Farm to School activities of hands-on, food-based learning, school gardens and agricultural education, and providing Georgia-grown school meals; and
- WHEREAS:** Farm to School and Farm to Early Care initiatives support lifelong nutritious eating habits of students, staff, faculty, and families while positively impacting local economies, especially for Georgia's No. 1 industry, agriculture; and
- WHEREAS:** Community partners and local assets play a crucial role in program success in Georgia communities; and
- WHEREAS:** It is abundantly fitting and proper that schools and early care and education programs are participating in these initiatives to enhance healthy lifestyles of the young children and students of this state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as FARM TO SCHOOL and FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF