



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA LIBRARY DAY

- WHEREAS:** Georgia's public libraries are more vital than ever to the health and well-being of our state, and libraries are strong partners in everything that Georgia does, from strengthening early literacy to building a strong economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's public libraries are a place where children and families can discover the joy of reading, participate in early literacy activities like story time, or learn everything from gardening to playing the ukulele, programs that help children build literacy, social, and language skills, setting them up for success in school and beyond; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's public libraries are creating new spaces and revitalizing existing ones to foster lifelong learning, creativity, and collaboration in ways that meet the unique and evolving needs of their communities, and Georgia's public libraries have updated, upgraded, and expanded technology to provide patrons with the tools they need to navigate today's increasingly digital world; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's libraries have stepped up in tough times to meet community needs, supporting residents through the impacts of Hurricane Helene by reading stories in shelters to comfort children, bringing books for people of all ages to read, and working alongside their neighbors to get everyone back on their feet; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgians have been vocal about their love and support for libraries, and Georgia's 408 public libraries are improving lives and transforming communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Libraries are cherished institutions of our society and are essential to literacy and lifelong learning. For all these reasons and many more, Georgia's public libraries are recognized for their efforts to serve their communities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as GEORGIA LIBRARY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF