



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of Georgia's small businesses that keep the state and America's economies growing strong. There are more than 1 million small businesses operating in Georgia. These businesses make up 99.8% of all businesses in Georgia and employ 1.6 million of its residents; and
- WHEREAS:** Many organizations, including the Georgia Center of Innovation and other divisions within the Georgia Department of Economic Development including Trade, the House and Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committees, the University System of Georgia, and others, are dedicated to supporting businesses, creating jobs, and helping both urban and rural communities. They work to strengthen local entrepreneurial ecosystems, improve workforce training, and provide financial assistance, research, and technical support; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia provides a wide array of services to small businesses, including the Georgia Small Business Development Centers and access to resources and assistance through programs like the Georgia State Small Business Credit Initiative, which is a state lending program that focuses on supporting small businesses and manufacturers; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2024, Georgia was named the No. 1 State for Business for the 11th consecutive year. Additionally, the number of women-owned businesses in America has soared in recent years, with operations in Georgia among the largest contributors to employment and revenue growth and top five for the most black-owned businesses. These accolades and others speak to the fact that Georgia's pro-business, collaborative approach works for all job creators without picking and choosing winners; and
- WHEREAS:** This Small Business Week, the State of Georgia encourages its citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements made by small businesses, both locally and nationally; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025, as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF