



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Head Start has grown since then to serve every 1 in 11 Americans, helping them build the skills needed to be successful in school and in life; and
- WHEREAS:** After 60 years of existence, Head Start provides access for 22,103 eligible families with children ages 3-5, access for 4,990 children under age 3 in Early Head Start programs, and access for 220 eligible children in migrant and season Head Start programs and 161 pregnant women in 1,520 classroom and in 379 centers across the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Head Start priority is given to children with disabilities, children with families experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Head Start Association is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to provide education, leadership, and advocacy that supports Head Start programs efforts in delivering high-quality comprehensive services to Georgias children, families, and communities and is represented on the Georgias Children's Cabinet; and
- WHEREAS:** During Head Start Awareness Month, the State of Georgia recognizes the local community leaders and their dedicated staff across our state who are helping Georgias most vulnerable children, and their families thrive through the delivery of vital early childhood education, health, and family support services; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2025, as HEAD START 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

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