



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) has designated the week of February 10 - 14, 2025, as **INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK**; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia recognizes that each child is unique, learns differently, and, therefore, learns optimally if teaching is individualized to meet the child's developmental needs; and
- WHEREAS:** DECAL works diligently to ensure that Georgia's early education programs are characterized as high-quality, inclusive environments where all children can learn and grow as individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** DECAL has partnered with local school systems and private childcare centers in Georgia to create and support 205 inclusion classrooms in Georgia's Pre-K Program; and
- WHEREAS:** DECAL has developed resources and a network of professionals to help teachers meet the needs of every child in their care; and
- WHEREAS:** DECAL offers professional development opportunities for early learning professionals to increase their knowledge of inclusive practices within the classroom environment; and
- WHEREAS:** DECAL's efforts have contributed significantly to the empowerment and capacity of programs, providers, families, and communities to support children with disabilities in high-quality, inclusive environments in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** During this special week DECAL will support early learning professionals, administrators, stakeholders, families, and Georgia's citizens in focusing awareness on ensuring that ALL children, are served in high-quality inclusive early learning environments; now
- THEREFORE:** I, Brian P. Kemp, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 10 - 14, 2025, as **INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK** in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF