



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BLACK COMMERCE DAY

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Coalition of Black Chambers (GCBC) serves as a statewide advocate and unified voice for Georgia's Black business community by supporting local chambers, strengthening entrepreneurship, and expanding economic opportunity through strategic partnerships and shared resources; and

**WHEREAS:** Black-owned businesses are vital contributors to Georgia's economy—creating jobs, driving innovation, building generational wealth, revitalizing communities, and strengthening prosperity across the state; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia is widely recognized as the #1 state for business, and we are committed to ensuring that this economic leadership is matched by meaningful opportunity—working toward becoming #1 for Black business by expanding access to capital, contracts, technical assistance, and pathways for growth; and

**WHEREAS:** Black Commerce Day at the Georgia State Capitol provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Black entrepreneurs and business leaders, elevate statewide advocacy efforts, and encourage continued collaboration among public, private, and nonprofit partners to advance inclusive economic growth; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia supports efforts that foster business development, strengthen workforce readiness, and promote broad-based participation in economic success for all Georgians; and

**WHEREAS:** On February 5, 2026, members and partners of the Georgia Coalition of Black Chambers will convene at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta to commemorate Black Commerce Day through recognition, engagement, and celebration of Black enterprise across Georgia; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2026, as BLACK COMMERCE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



A handwritten signature of Brian P. Kemp.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

A handwritten signature of Lauren M. Curry.

CHIEF OF STAFF