



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DOULA MONTH

WHEREAS: Doulas are trained, non-medical professionals who provide continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to individuals and families before, during, and after childbirth; and

WHEREAS: Research demonstrates that doula care is associated with improved maternal and infant health outcomes, including reduced rates of cesarean births, fewer medical interventions, increased breastfeeding success, and greater satisfaction with the childbirth experience; and

WHEREAS: Doula's throughout Georgia continue to prioritize maternal and infant health, and doulas play an important role in supporting families, promoting informed decision-making, and encouraging respectful, person-centered maternity care; and

WHEREAS: Access to doula support has been shown to help reduce disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes, particularly among communities historically impacted by inequities in healthcare access; and

WHEREAS: Doulas serve families throughout Georgia by fostering education, empowerment, and continuity of care during pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum period, strengthening the health and well-being of the community as a whole; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as DOULA MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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