



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** In 2017, the Council for Opportunity in Education and FirstGen Forward launched the inaugural First-Generation College Celebration to recognize the achievements of first-generation college students and graduates nationwide; and
- WHEREAS:** First-generation college students—those whose parents or guardians did not complete a four-year degree—break down generational barriers to create opportunity for their families and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to the tenth largest population of such students in the United State with 56% of its undergraduates being first-generation college students; and
- WHEREAS:** Education is the cornerstone of economic mobility, and the decision to pursue post-secondary education plays a vital role in both the success of our young people and the competitiveness of our state's workforce; and
- WHEREAS:** First-Generation College Celebration occurs annually on November 8 to commemorate the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which increased access to higher education for low-income and first-generation college students; and
- WHEREAS:** All Georgians are called upon to celebrate the contributions of the first-generation community and learn about the programs our community organizations, colleges, and employers have created to drive their success; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026 as FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION DAY 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 June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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