



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Small businesses are the backbone of Georgia's economy, representing a significant share of employers across the state and serving as key drivers of innovation, entrepreneurship, and local economic development; and
- WHEREAS:** Small businesses contribute substantially to job creation, community investment, and economic resilience, while providing essential goods and services to residents in urban, suburban, and rural communities throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's small business owners and entrepreneurs demonstrate dedication, adaptability, and perseverance, often assuming financial risk and navigating economic challenges to sustain their enterprises and support their employees; and
- WHEREAS:** Small businesses play a vital role in strengthening local communities by fostering neighborhood vitality, supporting civic engagement, and reinvesting in the communities in which they operate; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing small businesses through a statewide observance provides an opportunity to highlight their contributions, encourage consumer support, and promote policies and partnerships that strengthen Georgia's small business ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS:** Establishing a week of appreciation affirms the State of Georgia's commitment to supporting entrepreneurship, workforce development, and long-term economic growth; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK 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.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Laura M. Curry*

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