



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 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B.P.K.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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