



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

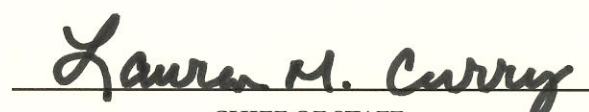
- WHEREAS:** The Head Start Program began as an eight-week demonstration project designed to help break the cycle of poverty. It provided preschool children from low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, and educational needs; and
- WHEREAS:** Since then, Head Start has grown to serve every 1 in 11 Americans, helping them build the skills needed to be successful in school and in life, with participants less likely to live in poverty or receive public assistance; and
- WHEREAS:** After 61 years of existence, Head Start's reach in Georgia provides access for 15,632 eligible families with children ages 3-5, access for 4,557 children under age 3 in Early Head Start programs, and access for 220 eligible children in migrant and seasonal Head Start programs, with priority given to children with disabilities, children with families experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Head Start Association is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to provide education, leadership, and advocacy that supports the Head Start program's efforts in delivering high-quality comprehensive services to Georgia's children, families, and communities and is represented on the Georgia Children's Cabinet; and
- WHEREAS:** During Head Start Awareness Month, the State of Georgia recognizes the local community leaders and their dedicated staff across our state who are helping Georgia's most vulnerable children and their families thrive through the delivery of vital early childhood education, health, and family support services; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF