



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) has designated the week of February 9–13, 2026, as Inclusive Early Learning Week, “Empowering All Abilities Through Early Education,” and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia acknowledges that every child is unique, learns in different ways, and achieves the best outcomes when instruction is tailored to support their developmental needs; and

**WHEREAS:** DECAL is committed to promoting inclusive practices that ensure children with disabilities have access to high-quality early learning environments; and

**WHEREAS:** DECAL has partnered with local school systems and private childcare centers in Georgia to create and support 225 inclusion classrooms in Georgia’s Pre-K Program; and

**WHEREAS:** DECAL has developed resources and a network of professionals to help teachers meet the needs of every child in their care; and

**WHEREAS:** DECAL collaborates with families, educators, and community partners to provide resources, professional development and coaching that support successful adaptations of learning environments; and

**WHEREAS:** DECAL’s initiatives have played a vital role in strengthening the ability of childcare programs, providers, families, and communities to create and sustain high-quality, inclusive environments that support children with disabilities across Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** During this special week, DECAL reaffirms its commitment to supporting early learning professionals, administrators, stakeholders, families, and all Georgians in raising awareness about the importance of ensuring that every child has access to high-quality, inclusive early learning environments; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 9–13, 2026, as INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B.P.K.*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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