



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State Bar of Georgia advocates for all members of the Georgia Bar to be civil with one another during their representation of clients; and
- WHEREAS:** Collegiality among counsel is critical to the effective and efficient adjudication of cases and controversies before Georgia Courts; and
- WHEREAS:** Decreased collegiality and professionalism between opposing counsel leads to increased hostility between litigants in Georgia's court system; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased collegiality between counsel and litigants may result in decreased costs to parties of a lawsuit while increased collegiality and decreased hostility between counsel and litigants may result in the decreased costs for Georgia's Courts to administer justice; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased legal professionalism may help to instill public trust and confidence in the legal system; and
- WHEREAS:** In the spirit of collegiality and encouraging adversaries to join in the spirit of connecting with one another to foster positive professional relationships, the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism has created an event to encourage collegiality among members of the bar; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF