



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RURAL LEADER DAY

- WHEREAS:** Georgia's rural communities are one of the foundations of our state's heritage, culture, and economic strength; and
- WHEREAS:** Strong and effective leadership is essential to the continued growth, sustainability, and vitality of these communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Rural leaders—serving in local government, education, nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, business, and civic life—play a vital role in addressing challenges, creating opportunities, and improving quality of life for residents across our state; and
- WHEREAS:** The dedication, innovation, and resilience of these individuals often go unrecognized, despite their significant contributions to community well-being and progress; and
- WHEREAS:** It is both fitting and proper to recognize and celebrate those leaders whose service strengthens rural communities and advances the State of Georgia as a whole; and
- WHEREAS:** Rural Leader Day has been established to honor the leadership, service, and impact of individuals working to build stronger, more connected, and more vibrant rural communities across Georgia; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2026, as RURAL LEADER DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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