



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY WEEK

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is proud to be recognized as the No. 1 State for Business, supported by a competitive economic climate and thriving community of small businesses and entrepreneurs across the state; and

**WHEREAS:** Over 1.2 million small businesses serve as the backbone of Georgia's economy, employing more than 1.7 million Georgians across diverse industries and communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia's small businesses drive innovation, create jobs, strengthen local communities, and contribute to the state's long-term economic growth, resilience, and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS:** Organizations like the Georgia Business Council (GBC) work to develop small businesses by helping them build capacity, strengthen supply chain readiness, expand connections, and access opportunities throughout Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** Small Business Opportunity Week serves as a time to recognize and celebrate the economic contributions of Georgia's small businesses, while encouraging continued growth across the state; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 21-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF