



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** For over 150 years, Georgia community banks have provided the support local communities need to prosper and grow. They have established a tradition of extensive community involvement, consistently reinvesting deposits into the communities they serve in the form of commercial, agricultural, real estate, and consumer loans; and
- WHEREAS:** Community banks continually play a significant role in local economic development by helping to generate business opportunities and jobs, thereby continuing to strengthen the economy of hundreds of communities across the State of Georgia. Community banks serve as a significant employer in Georgia with nearly 15,000 men and women employed in full and part-time positions, serving millions of account holders as well as thousands of shareholders; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 165 independent community banks across Georgia continue to make significant contributions to the well-being of Georgia communities with their financial support and their dedication as good neighbors; and
- WHEREAS:** Community banks focus on the prosperity of urban, suburban and rural areas, showing consistent dedication to meeting the various financial needs of consumers, small businesses, farmers, and corporations in their hometowns by reinvesting, on average, 95 percent of their loan portfolio in their respective communities; and
- WHEREAS:** In order to create a greater public awareness and understanding of the important role that community banks have played and will continue to play in our state, the Community Bankers Association of Georgia will celebrate Community Banking Month during the month of April 2019; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF