



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of Georgia's small businesses that keep the state and America's economies growing strong. There are over 785,000 registered establishments in Georgia, representing a majority of the total number of businesses with employees in the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Numerous entities, including the Georgia Centers of Innovation, the joint economic development committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, the House Rural Development Council, the Senate Study Committee on Rural Georgia, and many others are committed to helping our businesses grow and creating new jobs within the state, assisting urban and rural communities alike to create and enhance local entrepreneurial ecosystems, exemplary workforce training, financial assistance programs, research, and technical assistance; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia provides a wide array of services to small businesses, including the Small Business Development Centers and access to resources and assistance through programs like the Georgia State Small Business Credit Initiative, which is a state lending program that focuses on supporting small businesses and manufacturers; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2018, Georgia was named once again the best state in the nation in which to conduct business. Additionally, Georgia was named number two in the country for fastest growth of women-owned businesses and top five for the most black-owned businesses. These accolades and others are evidence of the achievement of our efforts, as well as a testament to the success we have to look forward to; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 18-22, 2019, as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK and urge all Georgians to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements made by small businesses, both locally and nationally.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF