

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

## SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

WHEREAS:	Across the United States from January 20, 2019 to January 26, 2019, tens of thousands of events will take place to promote National School Choice Week, with a record-breaking 1,428 events in Georgia; and
WHEREAS:	To equip Georgia's 2.5 million children with the right tools for success and prepare them as our next generation of leaders, we must empower families with the ability to choose the best educational environment for their students; and
WHEREAS:	School choice allows families to evaluate the specific needs and unique traits of their children and leverage the option which best serves their educational experience, be it through public, charter, home-based, private, magnet, or online schooling; and
WHEREAS:	With investments in education and expanded school choice in Georgia, we are putting our children first and ensuring bright futures for our state's most treasured asset; and
WHEREAS:	Since 2011, National School Choice Week has served as an inclusive, non-partisan public awareness effort to highlight the critical importance of educational freedom; and
WHEREAS:	In partnership with the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary Betsy DeVos, Georgia proudly joins in this celebration of educational opportunity spanning rural, suburban, and urban parts of our state; now
THEREFORE:	I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2019 to January 26, 2019 as NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST CHIFF OF STAF