



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; and
- WHEREAS:** There are more than 1 million small businesses operating in Georgia. These businesses make up 99.8 percent of all businesses in the state and employ 1.6 million of its residents; and
- WHEREAS:** 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. They assist 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 programs like the Georgia State Small Business Credit Initiative. This state lending program focuses on supporting small businesses and manufacturers; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2020, Georgia was named once again the best state in the nation in which to conduct business. Additionally, the number of women-owned businesses has soared in recent years, with operations in Georgia among the largest contributors to employment and revenue growth and top five for 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 May 3-8, 2021, as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK in Georgia.

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



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF