



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia acknowledges and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of Georgia's small businesses that help keep the states and America's economies growing strong. There are more than 1.3 million small businesses operating in Georgia. These businesses represent 99.7% of all companies in Georgia and employ 1.8 million residents; and
- WHEREAS:** Numerous entities, including state economic development organizations, legislative committees, and institutions within the University System, are dedicated to supporting business growth, job creation, and the development of strong entrepreneurial ecosystems in both urban and rural communities through workforce training, financial assistance, research, and technical support; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia offers a wide range of services to small businesses, including the Georgia 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 2025, Georgia was once again named the best state in the nation for doing business. Additionally, the number of women-owned businesses in America has soared in recent years, and Georgia ranks among the top five states for minority-owned businesses. These accolades and others are evidence of the achievement of our efforts, as well as a testament to the success we must look forward to; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, 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 15th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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