



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** For more than 150 years, Georgia community banks have provided the support local communities need to prosper and grow by establishing a tradition of extensive community involvement receiving deposits and distributing commercial, agricultural, real estate, small business, and residential 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 cities, towns, and communities across the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 135 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:** The Community Bankers Association of Georgia is celebrating its 55th year of serving Georgia community banks; 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 2023; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2023, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kippenich*

CHIEF OF STAFF