



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, which make up 99.8% of all businesses in the state and employ 1.6 million of its residents; and
- WHEREAS:** Numerous entities, including the Georgia Center of Innovation, the House of Representatives and Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committees, the House Small Business Development Committee, 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:** The number of women-owned businesses in America has soared in recent years, with operations in Georgia among the largest contributors to employment and revenue growth and top five for the most black-owned businesses; now
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, Georgia was named the best state in the nation in which to conduct business for the ninth consecutive year; 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 1-6, 2023, as 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 9th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Shirley K. Smith

CHIEF OF STAFF