



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is proud to be the No. 1 State for Business, boasting a vibrant economy, supportive business environment, and diverse marketplace; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to a diverse array of corporations and enterprises that provide substantial opportunities for minority businesses to engage in mutually beneficial partnerships, fostering a culture of inclusivity and mutual success; and
- WHEREAS:** There are more than 400,000 minority businesses in Georgia that stimulate economic activity, support local communities, and help to build generational wealth across Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Institutions such as the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC) have certified minority-owned businesses, helped them grow and develop, and assisted them in engaging in corporate and governmental supply chains for 49 years; and
- WHEREAS:** The work done by institutions like the GMSDC has provided essential support to these businesses, creating tens of thousands of jobs and fostering a major positive impact on Georgia's economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Minority Business Opportunity Week will serve as an important opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of minority-owned businesses and to highlight the essential role they play in driving Georgia's economic success; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024, as MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY 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 June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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