



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEAR UP GEORGIA WEEK

- WHEREAS:** The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary institutions; and
- WHEREAS:** GEAR UP Georgia serves over 11,000 students and their families starting in eighth grade and continuing until the end of their first year of college. By focusing on underserved communities, GEAR UP Georgia helps students in more than seventy-five schools across our state build strong academic foundations to ensure greater opportunities for college and career success; and
- WHEREAS:** GEAR UP Georgia provides students from underserved low-income communities with the tools to succeed in higher education. The program offers a number of academic support services, including tutoring, mentoring, financial literacy, and rigorous academic preparation, as well as information regarding financial aid and college scholarships; and
- WHEREAS:** GEAR UP Georgia is made possible by public-private partnerships and resources provided by state agencies, businesses, and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** The University System of Georgia partners with the Georgia Department of Education, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Orange Duffel Bag Initiative, the Scholarship Academy, and the Technical College System of Georgia on the GEAR UP Georgia Grant; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia remains committed to increasing access to higher education by providing students with the knowledge of critical skills needed to succeed in both the academic setting and the workforce; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 23-27, 2019 as GEAR UP WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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