



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** All Georgia citizens deserve the opportunity to pursue higher education, earn a postsecondary credential, and attain meaningful employment; and
- WHEREAS:** Supplying students and their families with information regarding educational resources and support is essential to increasing access to higher education. By gaining a greater understanding of federal and state financial aid, as well as the college search and application process, students can overcome the common misconceptions about college degrees being inaccessible; and
- WHEREAS:** Studies show that college graduates enjoy higher incomes, better health, and greater levels of community involvement; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia and its education agencies work in partnership to better prepare the state's next generation of leaders for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century; and
- WHEREAS:** Increasing the number of Georgia citizens pursuing a college degree, including minorities, students from rural areas, and first-generation students can help to create generational change; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Apply to College Month provides an important opportunity to increase awareness of higher education opportunities among high school seniors and to provide a supportive atmosphere for all students applying to college; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Apply to College Month is sponsored by Communities in Schools of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Independent College Association, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the University System of Georgia. This month of recognition is also endorsed by the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH 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. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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