



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Every child in Georgia has the right to a high-quality education. By increasing access to high-performing schools and improving education outcomes, we can ensure the continued growth and development of our state's most valuable resources – the minds of our youngest learners; and
- WHEREAS:** To equip Georgia's young students with the right tools for success and prepare them as our next generation of leaders, we must empower families with the ability to choose the best educational environment for their children; and
- WHEREAS:** School choice allows families to evaluate the specific needs and unique traits of their children and leverage the option that best serves their educational experience, be it through public, charter, home-based, private, magnet, or online-schooling; and
- WHEREAS:** Across the State of Georgia, parents, families, and teaching professionals are committed to providing our children with the knowledge and skills needed to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow; and
- WHEREAS:** Research indicates that increasing access to multiple schooling options improves the academic performance of children, regardless of income level, geography, or academic ability; and
- WHEREAS:** School Choice Week is recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders across the nation, and it presents a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of an effective education system in providing students with greater opportunities for academic achievement; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2024, as SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK 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 December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF