



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Georgia understands the value of education beyond high school and prioritizes access to educational opportunities for students through the funding of state scholarship and grant programs; and
- WHEREAS:** Workforce trends continue to favor applicants who have achieved education beyond high school, and studies show that college graduates enjoy higher incomes, better health, and greater levels of community involvement; and
- WHEREAS:** Providing students with information regarding educational resources and support is essential to increasing access to higher education, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission administers over \$1 billion in annual financial assistance to Georgia students pursuing postsecondary education; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has awarded over \$15 billion to more than 2.1 million students through the HOPE Scholarship Program since its inception in 1993; and
- WHEREAS:** Students and education leaders across the state are encouraged to participate in Georgia's Apply to College Month by researching prospective postsecondary institutions, learning about available state and federal financial aid, and submitting college applications; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 137,000 Georgia high school seniors may research and apply to GEORGIA MATCH colleges for free through GAfutures.org during the month of November; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Apply to College Month is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the benefits of higher education and generate important dialogue about resources available to students seeking a college degree. Georgia Apply to College Month is organized and sponsored by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, with the support of a wide range of education agencies working to increase access and limit obstacles to higher education; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as 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 24th of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF