



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

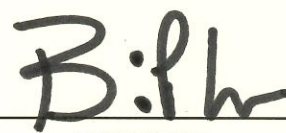
A PROCLAMATION

FARM TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION MONTH

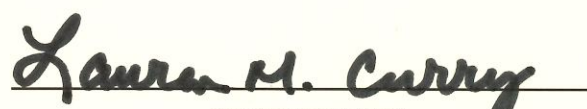
- WHEREAS:** Farm to School and Farm to Early Care and Education programs address some of Georgia's most critical issues through a comprehensive approach that supports child nutrition, thus improving children's academic performance and physical well-being and providing local market opportunities for Georgia farmers; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia agencies, schools, early care and education providers, parents, students, farmers, and communities collaborate to implement Farm to School and Farm to Early Care and Education programs to increase access to education about fresh, local, and nutritious foods; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia school districts and early care and education programs participate in Farm to School activities through hands-on, food-based learning, school gardens and agricultural education, and providing Georgia-grown school meals; and
- WHEREAS:** Farm to School and Farm to Early Care initiatives support lifelong nutritious eating habits of students, staff, faculty, and families while positively impacting local economies and creating and protecting jobs; and
- WHEREAS:** Community partners play a crucial role in supporting Farm to School and Early Care and Education initiatives in their local communities; and
- WHEREAS:** It is abundantly fitting and proper that schools and early care and education programs participate in these initiatives to encourage healthy lifestyles for Georgia's youngest citizens; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as FARM TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF