

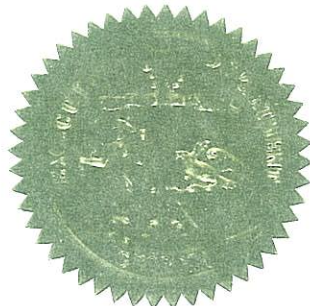


BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION LITERACY WEEK

- WHEREAS: Approximately one in five American adults cannot read or write, and in Georgia, approximately 1.2 million adults over the age of 18 have not completed high school or received a GED diploma; and
- WHEREAS: Illiteracy rates are the highest among the economically disadvantaged and are closely associated with unemployment, high crime rate, and welfare dependency; and
- WHEREAS: Illiterate parents perpetuate an inter-generational cycle of illiteracy by being unable to teach their own children such daily tasks as how to read a medicine bottle, follow a bus schedule, do comparative shopping, make correct change, or prepare school homework; and
- WHEREAS: Illiteracy is a social problem of American society which can be alleviated by increased public awareness, broader support for literacy programs through public libraries, workplace literacy programs, school literacy programs, and volunteer literacy programs on the local, state, and national levels; and
- THEREFORE: I, Nathan Deal, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10–16, 2012 as LITERACY WEEK in Georgia, and the day of September 8, 2012 as LITERACY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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