



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH AND
HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS: America traces part of its heritage to immigrants. Africans Immigrants are proud to join the rest of the country in celebrating their heritage in September and in highlighting African Immigrant health; and

WHEREAS: September was chosen because of African Union day on September 9th, and 2011 has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of People of African Descent; and

WHEREAS: Africans have made significant contributions such as having some of the highest educational and income levels in the United States, as well as contributing in every area of American life areas such as the arts, health, education, community service, public policy; and

WHEREAS: Raising awareness about African Immigrant health is crucial to effectively fight health disparities and essential to build a network of African Immigrants and refugees health advocates who disseminate culturally sensitive information to community. A healthy and vibrant African Immigrant community will continue to enriched the American life with its rich heritage and culture; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September, 2011, as AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH AND HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF