



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Wildlife observation is a popular outdoor recreational activity in Georgia for citizens and visitors alike; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's wildlife population is an integral part of the state's natural environment, as it also serves as an indicator for the overall health of Georgia's statewide ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS: Each year in the U.S., more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured, and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads. The average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to our country is more than \$8 billion a year; and
- WHEREAS: The success of wildlife movement and survival in Georgia remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 19-23, 2011, as WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia and encourage my fellow Georgian's to education themselves about local wildlife and their interaction with ecosystems.

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



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

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