



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GRISWOLDVILLE

- WHEREAS: This year marks the 150th anniversary of several defining events that occurred in Georgia during the American Civil War, including the Atlanta Campaign and Sherman's "march to the Sea." Throughout the Civil War, sacrifices were made by Georgians and fellow Americans which are worthy of honor and solemn recognition; and
- WHEREAS: After the fall of Atlanta, the Union Army General William T. Sherman began what has become known as "the March to the Sea"; and
- WHEREAS: On November 22, 1864, a force of approximately 4,500 Confederate Militia, consisting of both aged men and young boys alike, under Brigadier General Pleasant Phillips attacked a brigade of 1,500 veteran Union soldiers near the manufacturing town of Griswoldville, resulting in a desperate battle and high loss of life; and
- WHEREAS: Griswoldville Battlefield is operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division, whose mission is to "protect our state's natural beauty and historic integrity while providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education"; and
- WHEREAS: The preservation and interpretation of Griswoldville Battlefield has been made possible by the dedicated efforts of several partners, including the Sons of Confederate Veterans, several living history organizations, and many private citizens; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby recognize November 22, 2014, as the commemoration of the 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GRISWOLDVILLE in Georgia and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF