



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION  
COMMEMORATING THE  
70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY**

- WHEREAS: On June 6, 1944, roughly 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of the French coastline in order to repel the Nazi presence in the occupied nations of Western Europe. Led by the masterful General Dwight D. Eisenhower, these scores of courageous men braved the perilous landing to fight for the principle of liberty on behalf of countless individuals and families that they did not even know; and
- WHEREAS: The largest seaborne invasion in history, the events of D-Day were integral to the war effort and led to an historic Allied victory in Europe less than a year later. Though many of those involved did not live through the onslaught, the war would not have been won without their exceptional valor, fortitude, and sacrifice. Words alone cannot properly convey the significance of what these soldiers, the majority of them American, achieved on this day so many years ago; and
- WHEREAS: Neither time nor distance can diminish the importance and long-lasting impact of what transpired on the beaches of Normandy in June of 1944. As we solemnly remember the events of D-Day, we extend our appreciation to every member of the Armed Forces and thank them for their service. The freedoms and liberties we are blessed to enjoy are a direct result of their selflessness, integrity, and heroism; and
- WHEREAS: In a message to the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force the morning of D-Day, General Eisenhower reminded the troops of their noble duty and the "Great Crusade" upon which they were embarking to destroy tyranny and oppression in Europe. He passionately declared in his statement that, "We will accept nothing less than full Victory!" The general's words continue to reach across the pages of time and history, inspiring every American as we recall this era of heroes and honor; and
- WHEREAS: As a state with many valued veterans and active military personnel, Georgians are proud to recognize and celebrate the legacy and commitment to duty exhibited by those who served during World War II. With deeply-felt gratitude for their actions and their devotion to our nation, we will always commit ourselves to the ideals of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in this monumental struggle; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2014, as a day to commemorate the 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF