



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

WHEREAS: Approximately one in five American adults cannot read or write. In Georgia roughly 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 rates 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 through 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 September 8-12, 2014, as ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK and the day of September 8 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF