



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH AND HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS: America traces a significant part of its heritage to immigrants. African immigrants are proud to join the rest of the country in celebrating their heritage in September, highlighting African immigrant health issues; and
- WHEREAS: The month of September was chosen to honor this heritage in honor of African Union day, celebrated on September 9<sup>th</sup> with the theme "Africans and Agriculture: Careers, Conservation, Culture and Cuisine"; and
- WHEREAS: African immigrants have made significant contributions to American culture as well as the military, health care field, arts and humanities, education, community services, and public policy; and
- WHEREAS: Raising awareness about African immigrant health is crucial to effectively fighting health disparities and essential to building a network of African immigrants and refugee health advocates who disseminate culturally sensitive information to the community. A healthy and vibrant African immigrant community will continue to enrich American society with its heritage and culture; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2014 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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