



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

- WHEREAS: Georgia's archaeological sites are an important part of our state's heritage, marking the arrival of American Indians more than 10,000 years ago and documenting the exploration, colonization, and founding of our nation by Europeans, Africans, and Asians; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's archaeological sites are located in forests, cities, and on farms as well as beneath rivers, streams, and coastal waters; and
- WHEREAS: These sites, which hold clues about our state's rich and diverse history, are fragile and endangered by forces such as erosion, uncontrolled development, and vandalism. The study, interpretation, and preservation of our archaeological sites offer important educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all Georgians if undertaken in a setting of comprehensive planning and responsible stewardship; and
- WHEREAS: The members of the Society for Georgia Archaeology seek to increase our citizens' awareness of our state's archaeological history as a means to protect and preserve these irreplaceable links to our past. Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month offers Georgians an opportunity to explore with this year's theme of "Native Shores, European Waves: Contact Archaeology in Georgia"; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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