



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

WHEREAS: The number of elderly Americans is dramatically increasing. Specifically, Georgia's population of residents age 65 and older will represent 13.6 percent of the projected population by 2015; the highest growth rate in the 65 and older category will be among those citizens 85 and older; and

WHEREAS: Access to quality, affordable long-term care has never been more important, especially for those who do not need 24-hour skilled nursing, but need a little extra help with daily living tasks, such as taking medications and personal hygiene; and

WHEREAS: Assisted living is a smart, cost effective option for those individuals as the average daily cost for assisted living is less than half the average daily costs for a private room in a nursing home, resulting in annual savings of approximately \$42,924 per person; and

WHEREAS: Comfortable home-like atmospheres are available at many of Georgia's licensed residences and offer a variety of communities, including Personal Care, Assisted Living, and Memory Care, that are dedicated to preserving the dignity and independence of senior residents so they can develop friendships and participate in activities, helping contribute to healthier, safer, and happier lives; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015, as ASSISTED LIVING WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF

