



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BIG PIG JIG WEEKEND

- WHEREAS: Barbecue is an important part of the cultural heritage of the South with a variety of cooking styles, serving methods, preferred side dishes, and sauces; and
- WHEREAS: The Dooly County Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Slosheye Trail BIG PIG JIG in Vienna, Georgia, on November 7 & 8, 2014, celebrating 33 years as Georgia's Official MBN State Barbecue Cooking Championship; and
- WHEREAS: The BIG PIG JIG is one of the only barbecue events that has permanent structures built by teams for the purpose of cooking barbecue in competition, with over 100 teams from the Southeast expected to participate in this pig-cooking contest, using various cooking equipment, techniques, and recipes; and
- WHEREAS: People of all ages can enjoy this Southern tradition, whether they prefer their barbecue chopped or sliced, served with Brunswick stew, bread, hush puppies or coleslaw, or doused with a vinegar, tomato or mustard-based sauce; and
- WHEREAS: The Dooly County BIG PIG JIG has grown tremendously over the last 33 years to become one of the South's most popular annual festivals, providing a positive economic impact on rural Georgia with the City of Vienna growing three times its population size during the event; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 7 & 8, 2014, as BIG PIG JIG WEEKEND in Georgia and extend best regards to all contestants and consumers.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF