



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS: Thomas Jefferson believed that "an enlightened citizenry is indispensable for the proper functioning of a republic. Self-government is not possible unless the citizens are educated sufficiently to enable them to exercise oversight. It is therefore imperative that the nation see to it that a suitable education be provided for all its citizens"; and

WHEREAS: To that end, both the State of Georgia and the United States of America have offered all citizens a public education through the combined efforts of dedicated teachers, administrators, parents, and community members; and

WHEREAS: Education is our number one economic development tool, and there is no more forward looking or strategic place to invest. Our children are the next generation of Georgia's leaders. As such, we must prepare them to start businesses, launch successful careers, bring creative ideas to life, and pursue their dreams. It is an opportunity that we must afford every student in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: In order to provide our children with the brightest possible future, we must all dedicate ourselves to giving them a quality education. This dedication must not only be shared by teachers, but also by students themselves, their parents, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS: Since 1921, American Education Week has sought to inspire that dedication by celebrating the successes and spotlighting the needs of our nation's public schools. This year's theme, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," highlights the importance of the community's role in our children's education; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2014, as EDUCATION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.

Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF

