



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH

WHEREAS: Some high school students may not pursue college solely as a result of the absence of information and limited support during the application process. Studies repeatedly conclude that a college degree provides significant advantages in terms of income, health, and community involvement to those who attend and graduate. All citizens of Georgia deserve an opportunity to learn – and earn – and colleges in Georgia provide this opportunity; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia and all of its education agencies work to prepare the next generation for the opportunities and challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Increasing the number of citizens pursuing a college degree in Georgia, including minorities, students from rural areas, and first-generation students is a major priority; and

WHEREAS: November marks Georgia Apply to College Month, a time to help Georgia high school seniors become more aware of college opportunities and to provide a forum for students to apply to college; and

WHEREAS: Georgia Apply to College Month is sponsored by Communities in Schools of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Independent College Association, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the University System of Georgia and is endorsed by the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH and encourage all students to utilize the resources available to them as they seek to learn more about going to college.

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



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF