



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA DAY

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia was founded by General James Edward Oglethorpe, who received a Royal Charter for establishing a colony in honor of King George II and led 116 people from England on the *HMS Anne*, landing near present-day Savannah on February 12, 1733; and
- WHEREAS: George Walton, Button Gwinnett, and Lymon Hall each signed the Declaration of Independence on behalf of Georgia, which later became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution on January 2, 1788; and
- WHEREAS: Since its founding 281 years ago, Georgia has grown to over 9 million people and has progressed from a rural state to a commercial, financial, and cultural center for the Southeast region and our nation; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's magnificent natural beauty from the mountains to the seashore, its many historic wonders and sites, and its distinctive cultural heritage are all reasons to celebrate this great state; and
- WHEREAS: All Georgians are invited to rediscover our natural, cultural, and historic wonders and sites, and to encourage people throughout our nation and the world to recognize the people, institutions, and historic events that have shaped Georgia's significant place in our country's history and global commerce; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2014, as GEORGIA DAY in honor of our state's 281st anniversary and call upon all Georgians to celebrate our proud and rich heritage.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley
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