



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA RURAL HEALTH DAY

WHEREAS: Rural communities are critically important to Georgia and the United States. These communities are fueled by the creative energy of their leaders – ordinary people willing to step forward, share and implement a vision, and drive change that benefits everyone; and

WHEREAS: Rural communities have rich histories of resourcefulness, creativity, and ingenuity that have helped the State of Georgia and the United States become the global economic leader that it is today. Rural hospitals are often the economic foundation and primary providers of health care in these communities; and

WHEREAS: The unique health care needs of rural communities are constantly evolving as these communities face accessibility issues, a lack of health care providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and a growing challenge in accessing affordable health care coverage; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia State Office of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health play a distinct and innovative role by leading initiatives to help rural communities address their unique medical needs; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2015, as GEORGIA RURAL HEALTH DAY and encourage our citizens to recognize the unique health care needs and opportunities that exist in these communities, as well as recognize the Georgia State Office of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health for the valuable services they provide.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Cheri W. Poley
CHIEF OF STAFF

