



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

- WHEREAS: Athletics play an important role in the development of discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership skills; and
- WHEREAS: Participation of women and girls in sports activities continues to increase in Georgia and their achievements and contributions are noteworthy. Women's sports have increased at all levels, from elite competitions to community programs; and
- WHEREAS: It is vital to recognize the positive influence sports can have on growing girls through role models such as coaches and sports figures, friendships that span social barriers and experiences shared through athletics; and
- WHEREAS: Involvement in sports provides girls with an opportunity to build confidence, develop their emotional and physical well-being, as well as cultivate communication and cooperation skills. It also promotes healthy bodies and minds as it increases flexibility, stamina and coordination; and
- WHEREAS: This year, the NGWSD adopted the theme "Passing the Torch, Blazing the Trail"; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2014, as GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY in Georgia and encourage all women and girls in our state to support or take part in sporting activities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

CHIEF OF STAFF