



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INTERNET ESSENTIALS DAY

WHEREAS: In an increasingly technological and digital world where professional and personal lives are connected via the internet, it is vital that Georgia's families and students have access to this mode of communication and education; and

WHEREAS: With reliable internet access, a child can explore countries and cultures throughout the world. Knowledge in every field of study is at their very fingertips, allowing for innovative new methods of teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS: By further connecting students and families to the world around them, we increase their potential for academic growth and economic prosperity. To that end, Comcast, Superintendent Meria Carstarphen of the Atlanta Public Schools, and First Lady Sandra Deal have graciously partnered to celebrate the beginning of this school year by connecting more of Georgia's students through the Internet Essentials program; and

WHEREAS: The largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program in the nation, Internet Essentials provides low-cost broadband service and options for purchasing an internet-ready computer for a reduced price in the hopes of furthering accessibility to this important educational tool; and

WHEREAS: As Georgia continues to thrive in the 21st century, it is imperative that we equip our students and families with the necessary tools for long-term success. Expanding internet accessibility through initiatives like the Comcast Internet Essentials program can help to ensure that our workforce is properly educated and prepared for today's competitive job market; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 4, 2014, as INTERNET ESSENTIALS DAY in Georgia and thank corporate citizens like Comcast for their efforts to improve the quality of our state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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