



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: In today's highly interconnected world, telephones provide a lifeline to emergency help, community resources, and government services. Yet a number of our nation's households still do not have telephone service in their homes; and
- WHEREAS: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Georgia Public Service Commission have joined in a collaborative effort to make telephone service more affordable in order to reach a greater number of consumers by providing a discount on the connection fee and monthly charges for local telephone service; and
- WHEREAS: The Lifeline Assistance (Lifeline) program offers tremendous benefits for eligible consumers in America and makes basic telephone service more affordable by providing a discount to eligible low-income customers on their monthly phone bill; and
- WHEREAS: The FCC has established Enhanced Link-Up and Lifeline programs for Tribal Lands and recently updated its rules governing Lifeline program eligibility and non-duplication of support; and
- WHEREAS: The FCC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, other state and federal agencies, cities, counties, organizations, and telecommunications companies are committed to increasing awareness about the availability of the Link-Up and Lifeline programs and are encouraging eligible citizens to sign up; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of September 14-20, 2015, as GEORGIA LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK and encourage government agencies, industry leaders, and consumer advocates to educate residents about the importance of connectivity.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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