



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

- WHEREAS: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a native son of Georgia, called upon all men and women to adhere to our nation's central founding premise that we are all created equal; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King devoted his life to principles of peaceful social change that continue to inspire people of all nations with a call to action; and
- WHEREAS: Through their marriage of almost 15 years, Coretta Scott King worked at his side to forge a common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together to address important community issues. Working in partnership with individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds, Dr. and Mrs. King encouraged Americans to come together to strengthen communities, alleviate poverty, and acknowledge dignity and respect for all human beings; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. King believed each individual possesses the power of self-fulfillment regardless of circumstances -- rich or poor, black or white, man or woman. His legacy, faithfully promoted by Mrs. King through her work as an author and community leader, continues to inspire Americans and people around the world to act in service to help others improve their own lives; and
- WHEREAS: This year marks Georgia's 29th annual celebration of his life and the 28th year of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday. In remembrance of his life, we participate in service projects in communities across the state on Monday, January 20, 2014; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2014, as MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to participate in service projects that will make a difference in our communities and the lives of our neighbors.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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