



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

- WHEREAS: Children are Georgia's most treasured resource. As such, providing for their health, safety, education, and future opportunities remains one of our state's highest priorities and responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS: Month of the Young Child focuses on early childhood issues and highlights the needs of young children by celebrating community partnerships, promoting healthy children and families, recognizing early childhood professionals, and advocating on behalf of children and families; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous individuals and organizations around our state and nation, such as the Georgia Association on Young Children, are working together to improve early learning opportunities, which are crucial to the growth and development of young children and to building better futures for everyone in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: The theme for Month of the Young Child, "Early Years Are Learning Years," stresses two important messages - to celebrate children by raising awareness of their needs and to promote early learning for a better future; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD in Georgia and encourage our citizens to observe the month with appropriate activities celebrating children.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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