



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN GEORGIA

- WHEREAS: National Preparedness Month creates an opportunity for every Georgian to learn more about ways to prepare for all types of emergencies, from natural disasters to potential terrorist attacks to public health threats; and
- WHEREAS: Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every Georgian. All Georgians can take a few simple steps – creating a disaster supply kit, making a family disaster plan, and staying informed – to help make citizen preparedness and personal responsibility a priority in every community; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Office of Homeland Security, and officials in the federal, state, local and private sectors are working to prevent and respond to all types of emergencies. These activities, along with a prepared and vigilant public, contribute to a level of state and national preparedness that is critical to security in our state and the homeland; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Office of Homeland Security maintains an ambitious and proactive Ready Georgia campaign to help Georgians become better prepared for emergencies; and
- WHEREAS: As we observe National Preparedness Month, the State of Georgia urges households to follow this year's theme, "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare," by completing a personal profile on the Ready Georgia website at [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov). Because faith-based organizations also play an integral role in local readiness and recovery efforts, they are encouraged to use new resources that have been developed just for them as part of the "Praise and Preparedness" initiative; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN GEORGIA and recognize the importance of preparing for all potential emergencies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF