BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PATRIOT DAY

WHEREAS: The barbaric and tragic terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, changed America forever. Thousands of innocent lives were lost in these terrible events, but in no way was this awful day a defeat for our country; and

WHEREAS: Instead of dividing our nation or crushing our resolve, 9/11 unified our country, strengthened our determination, and deepened our commitment to liberty, equality, and justice; and

WHEREAS: Out of the tragedy of 9/11 flowed generosity, hope, and unity while citizens nationwide filled churches and synagogues, recognizing our dependence and healing would come only from Almighty God and solidarity as Americans; and

WHEREAS: The preamble of the Georgia Constitution states, "To perpetuate the principles of free government, insure justice to all, preserve peace, promote the interest and happiness of the citizen and of the family, and transmit to posterity the enjoyment of liberty, we the people of Georgia, relying upon the protection and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this constitution"; and

WHEREAS: On December 18, 2001, Congress and President George W. Bush approved Public Law 107-89, designating September 11th of each year as Patriot Day in remembrance of those whose lives were lost and in honor of the brave heroes who risked their lives that day; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2014, as PATRIOT DAY in Georgia in recognition of the courageous men and women everywhere on that day who selflessly gave their lives in service of others to protect our liberties. I encourage all citizens to observe this day with appropriate gratitude, patriotism, and thankfulness to God.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF