



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Prescribed burning of Georgia's forest lands is a valuable tool for protecting the forest from devastating wildfires. The Georgia Prescribed Burning Act of 1992 declares and protects prescribed burning as a valuable and necessary forest management tool; and
- WHEREAS: Prescribed burning is an economically feasible forest management tool for managing valuable wildlife species such as the bobwhite quail, the eastern wild turkey, the white-tailed deer, the red-cockaded woodpecker, and a multitude of other fire-dependent species; and
- WHEREAS: Prescribed burning is the only known forest management tool for perpetuating the longleaf pine/wiregrass ecosystem, the most diverse Georgia ecosystem in terms of flora and fauna; and
- WHEREAS: Professional foresters and other land resource managers use prescribed burning for improving forest health, reducing hazardous fuels, and for reforestation; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Forestry Commission, along with partner agencies and organizations across the state, support, promote, educate and train for the continued use of prescribed burning; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2-8, 2014, as PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia and thank those land managers who protect and maintain Georgia's natural heritage for present and future generations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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