



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### RANGER HOTLINE DAY

- WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was established to manage and protect the state's diverse natural resources and is charged with managing, protecting, and encouraging the conservation of all wildlife, including game and nongame animals, fish, and protected plants; and
- WHEREAS: Ownership of all wildlife is by the State of Georgia, held in trust for all of its citizens. A poacher is one who takes wildlife illegally and, as such, is a thief who steals from all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program was established as an initiative of the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Georgia's natural, cultural, and historical resources for current and future generations; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program enhances the effectiveness of the Georgia's Law Enforcement Division Conservation Rangers by encouraging citizen involvement in the detection and reporting of game and fish violations. The hotline program provides monetary rewards for information that leads to the arrest of poachers; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program is supported by donations from sportsmen and women, wildlife organizations, and all concerned citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program encourages support of the local judicial system in the stringent enforcement of game and fish laws as well as all DNR infractions; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2014, as RANGER HOTLINE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley  
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