BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of Georgia's small businesses that keep the state and America's economies growing strong. There are over 700,000 registered establishments in Georgia, representing all sizes, business sectors, and industries in the state; and

WHEREAS: Numerous entities, including the Red Tape Watch, the joint economic development committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Centers of Innovation, Georgia's chambers of commerce and economic development agencies, Georgia's business organizations, and many others are committed to helping our businesses grow and creating new jobs within the state by providing exemplary workforce training, financial assistance programs, research, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS: Georgia provides a wide array of services and resources to small businesses through its many agencies and departments that include startup and technical assistance, opportunities for growing businesses, industry expertise, and financial assistance through the State Small Business Credit Initiative; and

WHEREAS: In 2014, Georgia was named the best state in the nation in which to conduct business for the second year in a row. Additionally, Georgia was named number one in the country for growth of women-owned businesses. These accolades and others are evidence of the achievement of our efforts, as well as a testament to the success we have to look forward to; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 16-20, 2015, as GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK and urge all Georgians to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements made by small businesses, both locally and nationally.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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