



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION SQUARE DANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS: Square Dancing, the official Folk Dance of the State of Georgia, has a long tradition of providing wholesome entertainment for Georgians, young and old, who participate in this exciting and friendly activity; and
- WHEREAS: The square dance is a popular type of folk dance throughout the world. This dance for groups of four couples is performed in a compact framework, each couple forming a side of the square. Traditionally, it is accompanied by modern country/western music. The couples perform a variety of movements prompted by the patter or singing instruction of a "caller." Cooperative movement is the hallmark of well-executed square dancing; and
- WHEREAS: Square dancing is designated as the Official Georgia Folk Dance by Code Section 50-3-73 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and
- WHEREAS: Folk dances such as square dancing, round dancing, clogging, contra, and line dancing are a traditional form of community celebration. They require teamwork and cooperation, and are a healthy and entertaining pastime that bring joy to thousands of Georgians; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia State Square Dancers Association is hosting the 43rd ANNUAL STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION on September 18-20, 2014. They also will dedicate September 19th to "Red, White and Blue" in honor of the servicemen and women who have lost their lives in battle and those who continue to serve their country around the world; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as SQUARE DANCE MONTH in the State of Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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