



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

XPRESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: The Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), a valued mass transit option for those in the metro Atlanta area, is focused on reducing congestion and improving mobility through quality transportation performance and operating regional commuter transit services; and
- WHEREAS: GRTA began the *Xpress* commuter coach service a decade ago in partnership with metro Atlanta counties in order to provide workers with a cost-effective option for their workday commutes and to improve the capacity of Georgia's most heavily traveled highways; and
- WHEREAS: The first *Xpress* routes went into service on June 7, 2004, and has provided nearly 17 million passenger trips during the past 10 years, achieving high levels of customer satisfaction. *Xpress* now has 33 routes that carry more than 2 million passenger trips annually, providing reliable transportation options for commuters from nearly 40 counties; and
- WHEREAS: By removing 1.5 million cars from metro Atlanta's roads, *Xpress* saves the region's commuters more than \$125 million in wasted gas and productivity each year. These savings, combined with low operations costs, allow *Xpress* to deliver a more than 4-to-1 return on investment for Georgia taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS: *Xpress* has become an important fixture of the state's transportation strategy to improve mobility on Georgia's interstates and congested highways, lessening the burden on commuters and commerce; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2 – 8, 2014, as *XPRESS WEEK* in Georgia in celebration of its 10th anniversary.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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