



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

- WHEREAS: Approximately one in five American adults cannot read or write. In Georgia roughly 1.1 million adults over the age of 18 have not completed high school or received a GED diploma; and
- WHEREAS: Rates of illiteracy are the highest among the economically disadvantaged and are closely associated with unemployment, high crime rates, and welfare dependency; and
- WHEREAS: Parents who cannot read or write perpetuate an intergenerational cycle of illiteracy, as they are unable to teach their children daily tasks such as how to read a medicine bottle, follow a bus schedule, practice comparative shopping, make correct change, or prepare school homework; and
- WHEREAS: Illiteracy is a social problem which may be alleviated by increasing public awareness of illiteracy rates, providing greater support for literacy programs among public libraries, and establishing workplace, school, and volunteer literacy programs on the local, state, and national levels; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 4–8, 2017, as ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK and the day of September 8, 2017, as LITERACY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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