



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Poor air quality affects Georgia's environment, economy, and the health of its residents. While air pollution is a year-round concern, the summer months bring a higher incidence of days when ozone pollution and particulate matter levels pose health risks to Georgia citizens and the environment; and
- WHEREAS: Based on scientific and medical research, exposure to ground-level ozone and exhaust from vehicle tailpipes can create respiratory health challenges for Georgians young and old, affecting our enjoyment of the outdoors and our quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Our state is making continual progress on improving air quality. This progress is confirmation that Georgia's air quality programs and partnerships with public, private, and non-profit entities are working; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch is making progress in protecting Georgia's air quality through the regulation of emissions, voluntary programs, and by monitoring levels of air pollutants throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS: The Clean Air Campaign is advancing the promise of cleaner air through educational programs and partnerships with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia employers, commuters, and schools, enlisting their help in voluntary commute option programs and other actions that result in reduced traffic and improved air quality; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 29-May 3, 2013, as AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia and encourage our citizens to educate themselves about air quality concerns and participate in the week's activities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF