



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

# AMERICAN FOLKLORE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Folklore is the traditional and cultural art, literature, knowledge, practices, and heritage disseminated in communities by both oral and behavioral communication; and

WHEREAS: Folklore is a metacultural category used to denote certain art genres and practices within modern societies as separate from contemporary practices; and

WHEREAS: Folklore is based upon community values and artfully expressed in daily interactions, introducing citizens to cultural experiences of the past. Universal, diverse and enduring, folklore enriches the nation and establishes a commonwealth of culture in local communities; and

WHEREAS: It is through this exchange of diverse principles and practices that folklore continues to reveal the interrelationships between different cultural expressions and adds to our diverse, yet unified nation; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2017 as AMERICAN FOLKLORE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF