



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

- WHEREAS: Georgia's archaeological sites are an important part of our state's heritage, marking the arrival of American Indians more than 10,000 years ago and documenting the exploration, colonization, and founding of our nation by Europeans, Africans, and Asians; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's archaeological sites are located in forests, cities, and on farms, as well as beneath rivers, streams, and coastal waters; and
- WHEREAS: These sites, which hold clues about our state's rich and diverse history, are fragile and endangered by forces such as erosion, uncontrolled development, and vandalism. The study, interpretation, and preservation of our archaeological sites offer important educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all Georgians if undertaken in a setting of comprehensive planning and responsible stewardship; and
- WHEREAS: The members of the Society for Georgia Archaeology seek to increase our citizens' awareness of Georgia's archaeological history as a means to protect and preserve these irreplaceable links to our past. Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month offers Georgians an opportunity to explore with this year's theme of "Raised from the Depths: The Archaeology of the Civil War in Georgia"; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017, as ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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