



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BALLOON MONTH

WHEREAS: The modern-day manufactured latex toy balloon was invented in 1931 by Neil Tillotson, a chemical engineer and inventor from New England; and

WHEREAS: Since the 1930s, the balloon industry has grown significantly. In the late 1970s, latex balloon bouquets filled with helium were the most popular, and twister balloons were also a favorite when used to create various animals and entertaining shapes for children of all ages; and

WHEREAS: In the late 1970s, Cambridge chemist Gerald Hurst invented and patented foil balloons. These new balloons were favorably received and quickly expanded the industry; and

WHEREAS: Today balloons come in all shapes and sizes and are used by businesses, universities, and many other organizations to show support, to launch new ideas, products or services, and to advertise services; and

WHEREAS: Balloons, balloon arches, themed designs, elaborate balloon sculptures, and celebratory balloon drops have become common at events such as parties, weddings, and sporting events; and

WHEREAS: Balloons symbolize celebration, happiness, and entertainment, and may be enjoyed by everyone, for events large and small; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as BALLOON MONTH in Georgia and encourage Georgia families to experience the joy and simplicity of balloons while celebrating special moments.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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