



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

WHEREAS: An estimated 40 million Americans have some type of communication disorder, approximately 48 million individuals suffer from hearing impairment, and 1 in 25 adults develop a swallowing disorder; and

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech-language pathologists provide the necessary services to aid in the prevention, identification, and treatment of various communication, hearing, and swallowing disorders. These professionals work to ensure individuals suffering from these disorders lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is currently home to more than 4,500 licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists who provide individuals with communication, hearing, and swallowing disorders with the tools to both have a voice and be heard; and

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech-language pathologists in Georgia annually observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month during the month of May to raise awareness and increase support for those with communication, hearing, and swallowing disorders; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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