



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BLOOD DONATION DAY

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of those living in Georgia and visiting the state. Low blood supply is a public safety concern both in Georgia and across the country, as hospitals and medical centers require a healthy supply for surgeries, emergencies, and other life-threatening situations; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there are more than 9.5 million blood donors in the United States and an estimated 5 million patients receive blood each year; and
- WHEREAS: One pint of blood can save the lives of as many as three patients. Although 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood at any given time, less than 10 percent of individuals actually donate; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to a number of public service organizations such as the American Red Cross that are committed to raising awareness of the importance of blood donation; and
- WHEREAS: Blood Donation Day in Georgia effectively reminds communities across the state of the importance of blood donation and the constant need to replenish the blood supply; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2017, as BLOOD DONATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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