



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 and visiting our state; and
- WHEREAS: 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 blood donor 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 donate blood; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to a number of public service organizations, such as the American Red Cross and LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, that are committed to raising awareness of the importance of blood donation; and
- WHEREAS: Blood Donation Day in Georgia reminds communities across the state of the importance of blood donation and the constant need to replenish the supply of blood for use in emergencies; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2018, 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 7th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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