



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BOOKS BY KIDS WEEK

WHEREAS: The ability for young learners to skillfully articulate their thoughts on paper is a necessary tool for effective communication and future success in both work and social settings; and

WHEREAS: In conjunction with the "Read Across Georgia" initiative, organizations throughout the state are striving to encourage young people to write stories that educate, delight and inspire themselves and their peers. Creative writing offers students a medium through which to convey their thoughts and actively engage with their imaginations, while also developing and enhancing their literary skills; and

WHEREAS: Literacy programs and public policies in support of writing and continued literary engagement are vital to the success and development of today's students, and serve as a foundation for building brighter futures for Georgia's children; and

WHEREAS: By establishing and maintaining strong partnerships with local schools and communities, Fun Creative Writing, a national program empowering young people to express themselves creatively through writing, is working to improve literacy rates and preserve the creative writing process as a method by which to connect young writers and readers to stories providing insight on our past, present and future; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 27–31, 2017, as BOOKS BY KIDS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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