



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS DAY

- WHEREAS: The men and women of the United States Armed Forces work together to protect the citizens of the United States and our freedoms; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout our nation's history, countless patriots in uniform have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms; and
- WHEREAS: These fallen service members return home to their loved ones, and a folded flag represents the most solemn of rites; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 80,175 of Georgia's youth are considered military children, with one or both parents serving at home or abroad to preserve the freedom of our nation; and
- WHEREAS: On Children of Fallen Patriots Day, we remember the sacrifices of our fallen patriots, and recognize the children they left behind; and
- WHEREAS: During this observance, citizens are encouraged to recognize the past, present and future of Georgia's long-standing support for the children and loved ones of our fallen patriots; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2018, as CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF