



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS: The health and well-being of today's youth are critical to the future of our state and the development of our nation. As such, guarding every aspect of our children's health is imperative; and

WHEREAS: Learning and maintaining a routine centered on good oral hygiene is an important component of a child's general health; and

WHEREAS: Educational programs that advocate good dental health habits for children and youth, as well as support the fluoridation of public water supplies, are instrumental in preventing dental disease; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like the Georgia Dental Association are dedicated to supporting good dental health habits for our young people through educational programs including the "Give Kids A Smile Program"; and

WHEREAS: Since 1950, the Georgia Dental Association has provided educational opportunities and dental screenings for children to commemorate Children's Dental Health Month; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF