



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CHIPPER JONES DAY

WHEREAS: Mr. Larry Wayne "Chipper" Jones, Jr. has enjoyed a historic professional baseball career with the Atlanta Braves and is regarded as one of the premier players in the game. 2012, his final season, marks Mr. Jones' 19th Major League Baseball season and 23rd professional campaign; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Jones was the number one overall pick in the 1990 draft and has played with the Atlanta Braves for his entire career, leading all active players with 19 years of service with the same club; and

WHEREAS: In addition to being a member of the Atlanta Braves' 1995 World Series championship team, Mr. Jones has earned several awards throughout his career, including the 1999 National League MVP Award and the 2008 National League Batting Title. He is a two-time Silver Slugger Award winner (1999, 2000) and an eight-time National League All-Star ('96, '97, '98, '00, '01, '08, '11, '12); and

WHEREAS: Mr. Jones has set many records throughout his career, including ranking as the all-time RBI leader among third basemen and hitting the most home runs in franchise history since the team moved to Atlanta in 1966; and

WHEREAS: Through the charitable contributions of the Chipper Jones Family Foundation, Mr. Jones has made a significant community impact. The foundation's Field of Dreams program has helped to renovate and build youth baseball fields in Georgia and Florida. Additionally, Mr. Jones has helped raise over \$1.5 million for outreach initiatives, including Camp Twin Lakes, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Cystic Fibrosis, the Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Rally Foundation, and Stetson University. Mr. Jones has supported various Atlanta Braves charitable endeavors as well, providing thousands of underprivileged youth the opportunity to attend Braves games; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2012, as CHIPPER JONES DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF