



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION DAY OF THE COWBOY

WHEREAS: Pioneering men and women, often recognized as “cowboys,” helped to grow Georgia and establish the American West; and

WHEREAS: The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, patriotism, and a strong work ethic, and this spirit continues to infuse the country with character and good sense; and

WHEREAS: The cowboy loves, lives off, and depends upon the land, and is an excellent steward, dedicated to protecting and enhancing the environment; and

WHEREAS: The cowboy is an American icon and continues to play a significant role in Georgia’s culture and economy. Membership in rodeo and other organizations surrounding the work of the cowboy transcends ethnicity, gender, and age; and

WHEREAS: To recognize the cowboy is to acknowledge America’s ongoing commitment to an esteemed and enduring code of conduct. The contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to their communities should be celebrated and encouraged; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2017, as DAY OF THE COWBOY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF