



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION EYE DONATION MONTH

- WHEREAS: Sight is one of the human body's most powerful and important senses, yet most people do not know that it is within their power to give someone else the ability to see; and
- WHEREAS: Eye donation for research has the potential to restore sight for those suffering from certain types of blindness; and
- WHEREAS: To date, more than 44,000 Georgians have received the gift of sight from an eye donor; and
- WHEREAS: Eye donation for corneal transplantation can restore useful vision to those who have corneal blindness. Approximately 1,600 sight-restoring cornea transplants are performed in Georgia every year; and
- WHEREAS: Eye Donation Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness regarding opportunities to give the gift of sight; and
- WHEREAS: Eye donation is one of the most selfless gifts one can provide to a fellow citizen, and it is vitally important to discuss organ donation with loved ones and family; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as EYE DONATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF