



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION GEORGIA FORESTRY DAY

WHEREAS: Forests cover approximately 22 million acres, or roughly two-thirds, of Georgia's total land area; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is the No. 1 state for forestry in the nation, with the greatest total acreage of working forests in the country; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's working forests provide clean air, habitats for wildlife, and water to Georgians and generate an estimated \$37 billion in ecosystem services each year; and

WHEREAS: The forest products industry employs 144,537 Georgians and generates more than \$35 billion in annual economic impact for our state; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Forestry Association was founded 111 years ago and has since served as a unifying voice for advocacy on behalf of Georgia's working forests and interested stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Forestry Association's mission is to support educational and research endeavors that increase understanding of Georgia's forests and increase appreciation for their wide-ranging benefits; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2018, as GEORGIA FORESTRY DAY join in recognizing FORESTRY DAY AT THE CAPITOL.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF