BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA GARDEN WEEK

WHEREAS: One of Georgia's greatest resources is its beautiful landscapes and gardens; and

WHEREAS: Georgia economically benefits every time tourists visit our botanical gardens and state and federal historic gardens. Garden Week provides an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the importance of these areas of our state; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. serve the citizens of Georgia through programs that are meant to beautify our state, conserve our resources, and educate Georgians; and

WHEREAS: Partnered with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division, the Georgia Department of Economic Development, and the National Park Service Southeastern Region, the Garden Club of Georgia helps to award grants for restoration of Georgia's historic landscapes and gardens; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 17-23, 2016, as GARDEN WEEK in Georgia and encourage citizens of our state to recognize the work gardeners and landscapers do to keep Georgia beautiful.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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