



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: America continues to struggle with the issue of homelessness, particularly in urban and densely populated areas. In the State of Georgia, there are an estimated 18,000 homeless men, women, and children that spend their nights sleeping in cars, on the streets, and other locations; and

WHEREAS: Ending homelessness is critical to upholding the vitality of families and sense of community in the State of Georgia. Groups, organizations, and various institutions work to address this growing problem; and

WHEREAS: One such institution, Kennesaw State University, coordinates activities in the month of October to raise awareness about homeless individuals in our society; and

WHEREAS: One such initiative is Homelessness Awareness Week, which provides our state with an opportunity to increase our knowledge and understanding of those living without shelter and food. The activities during this week will also educate Georgians on how to combat and improve this unfortunate problem in our state; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 8-13, 2012, as HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF