



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK

WHEREAS: Children best succeed when academic settings and practices are tailored to meet their unique learning needs and interests; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) works diligently to ensure that Georgia's early education programs are high-quality inclusive environments that cultivate the individual growth and the development of our youngest learners; and

WHEREAS: DECAL has partnered with local school systems across the state to establish and support 143 inclusion classrooms through Georgia's Pre-K Program; and

WHEREAS: DECAL has developed a variety of resources and a network of professionals within the department that support teachers and enhance the quality of care provided to students; and

WHEREAS: The continued efforts of DECAL have significantly contributed to the empowerment and capacity of child care programs, providers, families, and communities to better support children with disabilities in inclusive and comprehensive environments across our state; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 12-16, 2018, as INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Rely

CHIEF OF STAFF