



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION**  
**RECOVERY MONTH**

WHEREAS: Addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain disorders. Addiction may affect Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and imposes enormous medical, societal, and economic costs; and

WHEREAS: Treatment has been scientifically proven to be the most effective intervention for dealing with addiction. Thousands of healthcare providers and other concerned individuals have dedicated their lives to prevention programs, recovery processes, and the education of policymakers and the public about the dangers of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS: Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month raises awareness for people who are currently working to overcome addictions through treatment, in addition to their families, friends, supporters, and treatment providers; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICITON RECOVERY MONTH in Georgia and encourage all citizens to support the individuals who are in recovery and to recognize the counseling and program staff who provide them with assistance and motivation along their journey.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley  
CHIEF OF STAFF