



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

THE WEEK OF THE MIDWIFE

- WHEREAS: Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, midwives served as primary birth attendants; and
- WHEREAS: Today, midwives across Georgia provide women's health care services during pregnancy, labor, birth, and the postpartum period; and
- WHEREAS: Midwives emphasize the physical, psychological, and social well-being of the mother and seek to eliminate or minimize unnecessary technological intervention throughout the childbearing process; and
- WHEREAS: Established in 1955, the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) works to improve the overall health and well-being of women and infants through the practice of midwifery; and
- WHEREAS: ACNM will hold the 63rd Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Savannah on May 20-24 to celebrate the contributions of midwives to women's health care and to share best practices to advance the field of midwifery; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 20-24, 2018, as THE WEEK OF THE MIDWIFE in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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