



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUCKS UNLIMITED

WHEREAS: Healthy wetlands have a direct impact on Georgia's environmental security, water quality, resource development and improvements. Stormwater control and groundwater protection is integral to the well-being of Georgia's citizens and communities, and wetlands provide wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities that contribute to the state's overall economic well-being; and

WHEREAS: Since its founding in 1937, the mission of Ducks Unlimited has been to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. Today, Ducks Unlimited utilizes the best scientific information, engineering technology, and construction practices available in a cooperative approach to conserve and restore the nation's wetlands; and

WHEREAS: More than 15,700 members of Ducks Unlimited in the state have helped advanced the state's wetland conservation policies, including the restoration and protection of more than 22,900 acres around Georgia; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia appreciates the contributions of Ducks Unlimited which includes more than 2.7 million people participating annually in hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing, contributing more than \$3.5 billion to the state's economy; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby recognize January 29, 2012, as the 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF