



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN GEORGIA

- WHEREAS: Since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength and guidance in order to walk humbly with God. The national importance of prayer traces its roots to our Founding Fathers as they declared freedom of religion as one of our fledgling nation's greatest needs; and
- WHEREAS: A National Day of Prayer was first established by the Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to recognize the tradition of prayer in our nation; and
- WHEREAS: We are afforded the privilege of prayer and the joy of seeking guidance, strength, comfort and inspiration from Almighty God. Regardless of our individual beliefs and faith practices, we have an assurance that God hears our prayers and faithfully responds to our humble petitions; and
- WHEREAS: Georgians have been blessed, and we have faith that this is a direct result of the heartfelt prayers of citizens and families. We are proud to join the nation in observing May 5, 2011, as a National Day of Prayer, with its theme, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout this Day of Prayer, we ask the Lord to bless our president and our troops and keep them from harm. We pray for our heroes here at home who risk their lives every day to protect us, including police officers and firefighters, and ask that He watch over them as they perform their sworn duty; and
- WHEREAS: We remember and mourn for all Americans lost, whose mission was to protect us here at home or to free and comfort the helpless abroad. As they join our forefathers, many of whom also made the ultimate sacrifice, we ask the Lord to bless and comfort their families; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2011, as a DAY OF PRAYER in Georgia and encourage our citizens to pray for God's blessings on our nation and her people.

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



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF