



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
OLDER DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS: Georgia's 65 and older age group represents 20 percent of our population as of 2012, and Georgia's older drivers have the highest fatality rate per 1,000 crashes of any age group; and

WHEREAS: Deterioration in physiological strength and reflex speed contribute to the higher risk of deaths amongst this age group, whose safety is of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS: Older drivers have a high rate of seatbelt usage at 86 percent, yet this population often experiences great harm in traffic incidents; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's Agencies on Aging and Division of Aging Services provide access to resources that assist with mobility; and

WHEREAS: As Georgia's population grows, we must encourage all citizens to honor the older residents of our state by looking after their health, safety, and well-being; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim December 7-11, 2015, as OLDER DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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