



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: The Lanier Partners of North Georgia, Inc. annually organize and produce large fundraising events, such as the Pirates of Lanier Boat Poker Run, to specifically help children in need in local communities throughout Georgia. The Lake Lanier community and outside organizations are generously supporting this event through sponsorships, volunteer time, monetary donations, and event entries; and

WHEREAS: The number of children who are in need of financial support from charitable organizations continues to grow in Georgia and in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The mission of Lanier Partners of North Georgia, Inc., is to create, develop, and support charitable programs that directly and positively impact the lives and well-being of children in need throughout Atlanta and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: Last year, Lanier Partners of North Georgia was able to raise over \$230,000 to support the children in need in our area with Camp Sunshine — a camp for children with cancer — Hall County Boys and Girls Club, and the Naval Special Warfare Kids, children of our local soldiers being the largest beneficiaries. This year, the goal is to more than double the funds raised through the Pirates of Lanier Boat Poker Run event. It will be held from July 17th to July 19th, 2014, and on the last day participants will dress up as pirates, decorate their boats, and conclude the festivities with a night of great music and food. The event promises to be one of the largest and greatest events ever held on Lake Lanier; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend the participants of

PIRATES DAY ON LAKE LANIER

and further recognize July 19, 2014, as Pirates Day.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of January, 2014.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Chris W. Riley
CHIEF OF STAFF