



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### RED RIBBON WEEK

WHEREAS: Alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic proportions; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS: The National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31; and

WHEREAS: Reducing drug and alcohol abuse is a high priority in Georgia, and we are proud to recognize our Red Ribbon Campaign, which has received national recognition as one of the most visible and effective drug awareness programs; and

WHEREAS: Various citizens in all areas, including business, government, law enforcement, media, medical professionals, religious institutions, schools, and service organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2015, as RED RIBBON WEEK in Georgia and encourage our citizens to show their support and commitment to a drug-free state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF