



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

105th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

- WHEREAS: During the American Revolution, George Washington and Alexander Hamilton both called for the creation of a federally controlled contingency force to support the Army. Theodore Roosevelt renewed this call in 1905 in a message to Congress; and
- WHEREAS: In 1908, the United States Congress established the Medical Reserve Corps to provide a reservoir of trained officers in times of war, realizing that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector. National defense legislation in 1916 and 1920 expanded this force, creating the Officers Reserve Corps and the Enlisted Reserve Corps. Combined, these organizations would evolve into the modern U.S. Army Reserve; and
- WHEREAS: In 1952, legislation renamed the Officers Reserve Corps as the Army Reserve and then divided it into three sections - a Ready Reserve, Standby Reserve, and Retired Reserve. Legislation also provided that the reserve units have twenty-four training days and up to seventeen days of annual training; and
- WHEREAS: Over its 100-year existence, the Army Reserve has played a major role in the defense of our nation and its soldiers have served nobly in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, and the Global War on Terrorism. Over 12,000 Army Reserve soldiers are currently deployed around the world; and
- WHEREAS: The Army Reserve's more than 205,000 highly-skilled and dedicated soldiers provide critical support to the Army, which could not sustain operations without it. The Army Reserve makes up twenty percent of the Army's organized units while providing one half of the Army's combat support and one-fourth of its mobilization base expansion capabilities; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is exceedingly proud to have been the home of the U.S. Army Reserve Command for over 20 years. Today, Georgia is home to 78 Army Reserve units, including the 3rd Medical Command and the 335th Theater Signal Command, where 10,000 Georgia Army Reserve Soldiers proudly serve. The freedoms and liberties we are blessed to enjoy are a direct result of the courage, devotion, and sacrifice of our brave men and women in uniform. Georgia is committed to honoring them and their great fidelity to our state and nation; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2013, as the celebration of the 105th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE in Georgia and encourage all citizens to recognize our soldiers for their service.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF