



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION ADULT EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS: There are over 200 million adults over the age of 25 in the United States and approximately 15 percent have not earned a high school diploma or an equivalent; and

WHEREAS: Because strong schools are the only proven route to tomorrow's good jobs, Georgia must focus efforts on producing well-prepared students who are life-, college- and work-ready; and

WHEREAS: Georgia students, consistent with the nation as a whole, have lost ground to global peers and now sit in the middle of the pack when it comes to overall student achievement. Georgia must increase thoroughness and ensure that our requirements truly prepare students to compete nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS: Because the state bears a responsibility to ensure that our students get their best shot at a good education, Georgia joined 41 other states in adopting Common Core State Standards which will help define what our students need to know, increase rigor, and provide a tool to measure our students against their peers. Economic development begins with strong schools; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as ADULT EDUCATION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF