



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

WHEREAS: Georgia's archaeological sites are an important part of our state's heritage, marking the arrival of American Indians more than 10,000 years ago and documenting the exploration, colonization, and founding of our nation by Europeans, Africans, and Asians; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's archaeological sites are located in forests, cities, and on farms as well as beneath rivers, streams, and coastal waters; and

WHEREAS: These sites, which hold clues about our state's rich and diverse history, are fragile and endangered by forces such as erosion, uncontrolled development, and vandalism. The study, interpretation, and preservation of our archaeological sites offer important educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all Georgians if undertaken in a setting of comprehensive planning and responsible stewardship; and

WHEREAS: The members of the Society for Georgia Archaeology seek to increase our citizens' awareness of our state's archaeological history as a means to protect and preserve these irreplaceable links to our past. Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month offers Georgians an opportunity to explore with this year's theme of "Digging and Diving Into the Past: Celebrating 20 Years of Georgia Archaeology Awareness"; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2013, as ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF