



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

"BEE A BUCKLER" SAFE DRIVING WEEKEND

WHEREAS: The "Bee a Buckler" Safety Program is the oldest active volunteer occupant protection program in the nation. This nationally recognized program originated in the State of Georgia in 1969 as an effort to educate children and adults about the importance of using safety belts; and

WHEREAS: Since its inception, the program has expanded to include all 50 states and five other countries. It now includes education on correct use of child safety seats and booster seats, bringing distinction to the State of Georgia through its efforts; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's continuing efforts to increase safety belt use have resulted in an 93 percent safety belt usage rate; and

WHEREAS: Further efforts to encourage vehicle occupant safety throughout the Labor Day holiday weekend will be conducted by many government agencies and safety advocates, including the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Safety Council, National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders, the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, Safe Kids of Georgia, and the Atlanta Braves; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim Labor Day Weekend, August 31–September 3, 2012, as "BEE A BUCKLER" SAFE DRIVING WEEKEND in Georgia and encourage all our citizens to drive carefully, obey speed limits, and use safety belts, child safety or booster seats to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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