



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

WHEREAS: An estimated 42 million Americans have some type of communication disorder, with economic costs exceeding \$30 billion due to lost work productivity, special education, and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS: Citizens suffering from communication difficulties have overcome these disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists. These professionals work to help individuals with communication disorders lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is proud to have over 4,000 licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists offering quality education and health care services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech-language pathologists in Georgia annually observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month during the month of May; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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