



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CASA DAY

- WHEREAS: Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), founded in 1988, is an organization established to provide volunteer representation for abused and neglected children in juvenile court deprivation proceedings; and
- WHEREAS: Since its founding, 47 affiliate CASA programs in Georgia have been instituted and over 20,000 CASA volunteers have advocated for over 93,000 children throughout the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: CASA is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, treated with dignity and respect, and learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family; and
- WHEREAS: A CASA advocate is a deeply committed, specially trained volunteer who works within the child welfare system and is appointed by the juvenile court judge to provide individualized attention and bring urgency to a child's needs. For 25 years, juvenile court judges have invited community volunteers into courtrooms across the state to advocate for children. CASA Day in Georgia is held to recognize CASA volunteers for giving selflessly of their time and talents to advocate for children in juvenile court proceedings; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia commends the board members and staff of Georgia CASA and the affiliate CASA programs for their countless contributions made for Georgia's children; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2013, as CASA DAY in Georgia in recognition of the organization's 25 years of advocating for children.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF