



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION DESTROYER ESCORT DAY

- WHEREAS: Millions of young Americans, including thousands of Georgians, were called upon to serve their country during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other conflicts to join the fight by land, sea, and air to restore and maintain international peace; and
- WHEREAS: Destroyer escorts were originally designed, built, and manned to combat the growing threat from Axis submarines in World War II, which was a dangerous threat to Allied supply lines transporting troops and material; and
- WHEREAS: The versatility of destroyer escorts was quickly recognized, and their missions in World War II were expanded to include search and rescue, fleet anti-air protection, conversion to high speed transports, and employment in hunter/killer groups; and
- WHEREAS: Destroyer escort vessels and their crews successfully carried out vital missions in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, including enemy supply interdiction at sea, naval gunfire support, search and rescue, communications, and meteorology; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2013, as DESTROYER ESCORT DAY in Georgia in commemoration of the valiant sailors who risked and often sacrificed their lives in service to our country.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF