



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
GEORGIA STATE BLUEGRASS
CHAMPIONSHIP DAY**

WHEREAS: The Georgia Marble Festival has a long tradition of promoting the culture of Jasper, Georgia. The Pickens County Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the Georgia Marble Festival on the first weekend in October since 1980; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Marble Festival has recognized and honored the people of Pickens County who have impacted the region both culturally and economically for many years; and

WHEREAS: Bluegrass music has a strong foundation in Pickens County, and year after year the Georgia Marble Festival recognizes the individuals that make bluegrass a part of Jasper's culture; and

WHEREAS: The 2012 Georgia Marble Festival is hosting the Georgia State Bluegrass Championship and will award various individuals and community members based on several instrumental categories. The intent of the Georgia State Bluegrass Championship is to promote the state of Georgia's bluegrass roots; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 6-7, 2012, as GEORGIA STATE BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP DAY in Georgia.

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



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF