



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA DAY

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia was founded by General James Edward Oglethorpe, who received a Royal Charter for establishing a colony in honor of King George II and led 116 people from England on the *HMS Anne*, landing near present-day Savannah on February 12, 1733; and

WHEREAS: George Walton, Button Gwinnett, and Lymon Hall each signed the Declaration of Independence on behalf of Georgia, which later became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, on January 2, 1788; and

WHEREAS: Since its founding 280 years ago, Georgia has grown to over 9 million people and has progressed from a rural state to a commercial, financial, and cultural center for the Southeast and nation; and

WHEREAS: All Georgians are invited to rediscover our natural, cultural and historic wonders and sites, and to encourage people throughout our nation and the world to recognize the people, institutions, and historic events that have shaped Georgia's significant place in our country's history and global commerce; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2013, as GEORGIA DAY in honor of our state's 280<sup>th</sup> anniversary and call upon all Georgians to celebrate our proud and rich heritage.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF