



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION LAW DAY

WHEREAS: Law Day is an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the vital role of our legal institutions, including our adversarial legal system, citizen juries, and independent courts; and

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WHEREAS: The American justice system is charged with upholding and protecting the rights as well as the freedom and justice of all Americans. The 2012 Law Day theme, "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom," provides an opportunity to highlight the crucial role of our courts and to foster a better understanding of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS: All Americans and Georgians alike should reflect on the legal legacy of the U.S. Constitution and the enduring meaning of "a government of laws, not men." By appreciating our legal rights and valuing our civic responsibilities, Americans can work together to sustain our national commitment to a democratic society under law; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2012, as LAW DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF