



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION NURSE APPRECIATION WEEK

- WHEREAS: There are 111,697 registered nurses in Georgia, successfully meeting the emerging health care needs of Georgia's population in a wide range of settings; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Nurses Association is working to chart a new course for Georgia that relies on increasing the delivery of primary and preventive health care. The organization is renewing the emphasis on primary and preventive health care for better utilization of our state's registered nursing resources; and
- WHEREAS: Professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, and the demand for registered nursing services will continue to increase because of an aging population, the continuing growth of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health services; and
- WHEREAS: More qualified registered nurses are needed to meet the increasingly complex needs of consumers, and the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by registered nurses are an important component of Georgia's health care delivery system in the future; and
- WHEREAS: The 2013 theme, "Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care," celebrates the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and improve our health care system through their passionate dedication; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2013, as NURSE APPRECIATION WEEK in Georgia and encourage our citizens to express their appreciation for the valuable services Georgia nurses perform daily in service to their fellow man.

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



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF