



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Prescribed burning of Georgia's forests is a valuable method for protecting our wooded areas from devastating wildfires and guarding essential wildlife species; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Prescribed Burning Act of 1992 declares prescribed burning as an effective and necessary forest management tool; and

WHEREAS: Professional foresters and other land resource managers use prescribed burning to improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuels and control reforestation efforts; and

WHEREAS: Alongside partner agencies and organizations across the state, the Georgia Forestry Commission supports, promotes, educates and trains for the continued use of prescribed burning; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 5-11, 2017, as PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia and congratulate the land managers who protect and maintain Georgia's natural heritage for present and future generations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF