



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
READ ACROSS GEORGIA MONTH

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring that all students learn to read well and independently, thereby allowing them to be successful in future academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS: Students' reading and literacy skills can be improved and enhanced by increased parental involvement in teaching these skills through activities such as reading stories aloud to young children every day; and

WHEREAS: During the month of March, schools in our state will participate in Read Across Georgia. In conjunction with the Department of Education, First Lady Sandra Deal and State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge will visit schools all over the state to promote literacy in the classroom; and

WHEREAS: Children are Georgia's most precious resource. It is a priority that we invest in their future, thereby securing the future leaders of our state. We must ensure that our students are reading at grade-level; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2013, as READ ACROSS GEORGIA MONTH and urge every Georgian to make time to read to a child today.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Georgia to be affixed this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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