



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SQUARE DANCE MONTH

WHEREAS: Square Dancing, the official Folk Dance of the State of Georgia, has a long tradition of providing wholesome entertainment for Georgians, young and old, who participate in this exciting and friendly activity; and

WHEREAS: The square dance is a popular type of folk dance throughout the world. This dance for groups of four couples is performed in a compact framework, each couple forming a side of the square. Traditionally, it is accompanied by modern country/western music. The couples perform a variety of movements prompted by the patter or singing instruction of a "caller." Cooperative movement is the hallmark of well-executed square dancing; and

WHEREAS: Square dancing is designated as the Official Georgia Folk Dance by Code Section 50-3-73 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS: Folk dances such as square dancing, round dancing, clogging, contra, and line dancing are a traditional form of community celebration. They require teamwork and cooperation, and are a healthy and entertaining pastime that bring joy to thousands of Georgians; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia State Square Dancers Association is hosting the 41st ANNUAL CONVENTION on September 20-22, 2012. They also will dedicate September 21<sup>st</sup> to "Support the Troops" in honor of the servicemen and women who have lost their lives in battle and those who continue to serve their country around the world; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September as SQUARE DANCE MONTH in the State of Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF