



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SHARE THE JOURNEY DAY

- WHEREAS: On August 28, 1963, Civil Rights leaders and a burgeoning crowd of between 200,000 and 300,000 participants marched on Washington, D.C. The procession began at the Washington Monument and ended at the Lincoln Memorial with a program of music and speakers; and
- WHEREAS: Standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech advocating racial harmony during the march. A masterpiece of oration, his speech was subsequently added to the National Recording Registry and memorialized by the National Park Service with an inscription on the spot where his remarks were made; and
- WHEREAS: The march was credited with helping to pass the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act and greatly advancing the cause of racial equality. The 1963 March also inspired anniversary marches which occur every five years; and
- WHEREAS: Many of our state's citizens joined Dr. King, a world-renowned Georgian, in this momentous march, creating a legacy that continues to impact our entire nation to this day. Upon the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this defining moment in the Civil Rights movement, it is fitting that we reflect on the sacrifices and experiences that were endured to achieve the ideals championed by our founding documents and finally fulfilled through the products of this movement; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2013, as SHARE THE JOURNEY DAY in Georgia in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March on Washington.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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