



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### READ ALOUD DAY

- WHEREAS:** Literacy serves as the cornerstone of educational and developmental growth, fostering critical thinking, and creativity, among individuals of all ages, and empowering communities to thrive in an ever-changing world; and
- WHEREAS:** World Read Aloud Day, celebrated annually on the first Wednesday in February, this year being on February 7th, highlights the transformative power of reading aloud, encouraging a lifelong love for literature and learning; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia commemorates the birthday of the late First Lady Sandra Deal, who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to promoting literacy and education throughout this state, actively engaging children in the joy of reading through her frequent visits to schools and libraries in every school district in the state, where she shared stories and continues to inspire generations; and
- WHEREAS:** Mrs. Deal's dedication to reading aloud to children exemplified her belief in the transformative power of literacy, instilling in those she read to a passion for learning and a deep appreciation for the world of books and imagination; and
- WHEREAS:** On World Read Aloud Day, the State of Georgia celebrates the educational and developmental opportunities afforded by literacy, and remembers the impact and tireless advocacy for children's literacy and education of Mrs. Sandra Deal; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages its citizens to join together to read aloud on this day and every day; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2024, as READ ALOUD DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

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