



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

WHEREAS: Athletics play an important role in the development of discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS: Participation of women and girls in sports activities continues to increase in Georgia, and their achievements and contributions are noteworthy. Women's sports have increased at all levels, from elite competitions to community programs; and

WHEREAS: It is vital to recognize the positive influence sports can have on growing girls through role models such as coaches and sports figures, friendships that span social barriers and experiences shared through athletics; and

WHEREAS: Involvement in sports provides girls with an opportunity to build confidence, develop their emotional and physical well-being, as well as cultivate communication and cooperation skills. It also promotes healthy bodies and minds as it increases flexibility, stamina and coordination; and

WHEREAS: This year, the NGWSD adopted the theme "Title IX at 40: In It For the Long Run," to recognize this law's impact on women in sports; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2012, as GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY in Georgia and encourage all women and girls in our state to support or take part in sporting activities.

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 twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF