



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION COOPERATIVE MONTH

WHEREAS: Cooperatives are businesses that are owned and operated by their members. These businesses not only serve the interests of the members, but they also dedicate substantial human and financial resources to serve their communities beyond their core business functions; and

WHEREAS: More than 29,000 cooperatives nationwide operate in virtually every industry including agriculture, child care, energy, financial services, food retail and distribution, housing, healthcare, insurance, telecommunications and many others; and

WHEREAS: Concern for community is a core guiding cooperative principle. The community commitment of cooperatives enhances economic opportunity and improves quality of life in Georgia's cities and towns. This includes charitable giving that meets the needs of underserved populations; investment in community development that generates jobs and income and helps create vital services; contributions and involvement in environmental protection activities; innovative projects that improve child health and welfare; and support quality education; and

WHEREAS: The community commitment of cooperatives enhances economic opportunity and improves quality of life in Georgia's cities and towns; and

WHEREAS: During the month of October, cooperatives of all types and from all industries reaffirm their member-service mission and their commitment to community and pledge continued active involvement in the communities in which their members live and work; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2011, as COOPERATIVE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

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