



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH

WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver is a nonprofit nationwide public education program to help reduce collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings, and to reduce trespassing incidents on railroad tracks and rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia was the fourth state to form an Operation Lifesaver program in 1974, serving as a model program for the nation; and

WHEREAS: Great strides have been made in reducing collisions at Georgia's more than 8,000 public and private crossings, resulting in a decrease of over 75 percent since the program's inception; and

WHEREAS: Special events, including law enforcement training, emergency responder training, professional trucker and school bus driver training, and general public safety awareness programs will be conducted in Georgia throughout May urging citizens to "Look, Listen, and Live" at rail crossings and on railroad rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS: These special activities will be in conjunction with the worldwide launch of the United Nations "Decade of Action for Road Safety" wherein many organizations and agencies will be working together for safer roads; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia do hereby proclaim May 2011 as OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH in Georgia, and urge all our citizens to drive safely and cautiously when approaching a highway-rail crossing, to obey the law by always yielding to oncoming trains and to avoid trespassing on railroad tracks and rights-of-way.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

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