BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

2018 PYEONGCHANG WINTER OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS DAY

WHEREAS: Upon receiving a majority vote at the 123rd International Olympic Committee Session on July 6, 2011, and following three consecutive bids, PyeongChang was selected as the host city of the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games; and

WHEREAS: The XXIII Winter Olympics will be held from February 9-25, 2018, and the XII Paralympic Winter Games will be held from March 9-18, 2018, in several locations across South Korea. Opening and closing ceremonies, as well as most snow sports, will take place in PyeongChang. Alpine speed events will convene in Jeongseon, while all ice sports will be held in the coastal city of Gangneung; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the first time the Winter Olympics will be held in South Korea and the first time in three decades that the country will host the Olympic Games. The motto for the Games - 'Passion. Connected.' - refers to the continued growth of winter sports and the passion shared by all those who enjoy the Olympics; and

WHEREAS: Athletes taking part in the 2018 Winter Olympics will compete in 102 events in 15 disciplines. Six new events have been added to the program, including Men's and Women's Snowboard Big Air, Men's and Women's Speed Skating Mass Start, Curling Mixed Doubles, and the Alpine Skiing Nations Team Event; and

WHEREAS: This year, the Winter Olympics will award more than 100 gold medals for the first time due to a greater number of women's and mixed events; and

WHEREAS: Featuring a blend of veteran and new talent, the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team is comprised of approximately 240 athletes, with the team represented in all 15 disciplines. The 2018 U.S. Paralympic Team will participate in alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, sled hockey, snowboarding, and wheelchair curling; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Elana Meyers Taylor is a proud Georgia citizen and Douglasville native who has overcome several injuries following her appearance at the Sochi Olympics and will seek her third Olympic medal in the Women's Bobsled competition; and

Whereas: The One Korea USA is a non-profit organization that focuses on developing communication, healing, and unity among Koreans living overseas since 2014. One Korea USA networks with Korean communities around the world with the purpose of developing a global peace-centered cultural organization. One Korea USA executes cultural exchanges and promotes Korean culture to the global community; and

Whereas: The Federation of Korean Associations in SE USA (FKASEUSA) represents more than 200,000 Korean-Americans living in the Southeastern United States, consisting of 26 Korean-American Associations; and

Whereas: The Korea National Unification Council-Atlanta Chapter (NUACAATL) advises by request and makes proposals to the President of the Republic of Korea regarding policy development and implementation for a democratic and peaceful inter-Korean unification and has 95 council members in Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS: All Georgians join with South Korea's people and job creators in welcoming and celebrating this peaceful demonstration of international competition and comradery; and

WHEREAS: We wish the U.S. Olympic Team and its competitors the very best of luck and safety as they take part in this time-honored tradition; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2018, as PyeongChang Winter Olympics and Paralympics Day in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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