



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS: Bullying is a physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed towards a person or group of people. Children who bully pose a serious risk of engaging in more violent behaviors, and children who witness bullying taking place often feel less secure and intimidated in their surroundings; and

WHEREAS: The act of bullying can occur in a wide range of places, including schools, playgrounds, and neighborhoods as well as through modern technology, such as the internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS: Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS: Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and developmental problems than those who are not bullied, and children who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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