



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CULTURE CHANGE DAY

WHEREAS: "Culture Change" is the name commonly given to the national movement dedicated to changing the way we think and feel about elders, and improving the quality of life and care for all people who need help taking care of themselves in any place they call home; and

WHEREAS: Culture Change is a simple concept valuing core person-directed and person-centered values, including choice, dignity, respect, purposeful living, and freedom for individuals to make their own choices about their daily lives. Respect is given to each person regardless of age, medical condition, or limitations; and

WHEREAS: The goal of the Culture Change movement is to put people first so that their needs, wants, and preferences come before those of the organizations that serve them. Culture Change is working toward providing settings that are real homes and where meaningful relationships with others create genuine interaction; not often found in traditional institutions; and

WHEREAS: Culture Change transformation supports the creation of both long and short-term living environments, as well as community-based settings, in which both older adults and their caregivers are able to express choice and practice self-determination in meaningful ways at every level of daily life; and

WHEREAS: The Culture Change Network of Georgia is a group of dedicated supporters and stakeholders working as partners to promote and foster culture change to improve the quality of life for older Georgians in all settings where aging services are delivered. The Fifth Annual Georgia Culture Change Summit will bring innovative leaders together to focus on the theme, "Dementia Beyond Drugs: How Georgia Can Change the Culture of Dementia Care"; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2012 as CULTURE CHANGE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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