BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DAY OF PRAYER IN GEORGIA

WHEREAS: Since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength and guidance in order to walk humbly with God. The national importance of prayer traces its roots to our Founding Fathers as they declared freedom of religion as one of our nation's greatest needs; and

WHEREAS: A National Day of Prayer was first established by the Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to recognize the tradition of prayer in our nation; and

WHEREAS: We are afforded the privilege of prayer and the joy of seeking guidance, strength, comfort and inspiration from Almighty God. Regardless of our individual beliefs and faith practices, we have an assurance that God hears our prayers and faithfully responds to our petitions; and

WHEREAS: Georgians have been blessed, and we have faith that this is a direct result of the heartfelt prayers of citizens and families. We are proud to join with other states on May 2, 2013, in a Day of Prayer; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2013, as a DAY OF PRAYER in Georgia and encourage our citizens to pray for God's blessings on our nation and her people.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF