



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS: Families are the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support for children, and they are the foundation of our communities; and

WHEREAS: Unfortunately, thousands of Georgia children are abused or neglected by their parents or caretakers every year. Many of them must be removed from their homes and placed in a safe, stable, and loving environment; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia currently provides foster care for approximately 13,000 children, some of whom are placed in the homes of relatives; and

WHEREAS: Foster families across the state open their homes and extend love and security to children in need. They also support the birth families working to meet the goals necessary to reunite parents and children; and

WHEREAS: Many public and private organizations continue to work to generate public awareness regarding Georgia's foster care system to effectively address the important role played by both communities and families in providing a better quality of life for children across the state; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as FOSTER CARE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley
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