



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION  
GEORGIA BLUEBERRY MONTH**

WHEREAS: Georgia grown blueberries are full of nutrients and are packed with antioxidants; and

WHEREAS: Through late April to the end of July, the State of Georgia enjoys the longest season in the United States to enjoy fresh blueberries; and

WHEREAS: With Georgia as the third largest blueberry growing state in the country, farming of Georgia blueberries has more than doubled over the last 10 years, from 6,000 to 14,000 acres; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia has an annual blueberry festival, which is in its 39<sup>th</sup> year in Alma, Georgia from June 1-2; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2013 as GEORGIA BLUEBERRY MONTH and urge all citizens to participate in this observance through the support of our local blueberry industry.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF