



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA CLASSICS WEEK

WHEREAS: The Latin, Greek, and Greco-Roman civilization remains fundamental to understanding our own language, culture, and intellectual make up; and

WHEREAS: The languages of Greek and Latin equip us with a strong foundation for mastering Romance languages such as French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, and Spanish; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Junior Classical League (GJCL) is dedicated to the continued study of the Classics. The GJCL is comprised of more than 2,500 Latin, Greek, and Classics students from more than 60 chapters across the state; and

WHEREAS: The study of classics plays a vital role in today's society. It requires and develops both analytical and reasoning skills and provides students with a stronger understanding of the beginnings of our modern government, an insight into the study of classical literature, and an understanding of the Greek and Roman philosophers; and

WHEREAS: The GJCL works to further the recognition of the traditional enduring qualities of the Classics in our literature, language, architecture, fine arts, governmental structure, law, and the broad aspects of science. Georgia Classics Week provides an opportunity for the celebration of the American Classical tradition through educational ventures, publicity activities, and community service projects across the state; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2016, as GEORGIA CLASSICS WEEK.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF