



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH

WHEREAS: Peanuts and peanut products are recognized throughout the world as a highly appetizing and nutritious food, providing protein and other nutrients as part of a well-balanced diet; and

WHEREAS: The state of Georgia ranks first in the nation in peanut production, producing 57 percent of the country's total peanut crop in 2015. Georgia also leads the country in peanut exports, making a substantial contribution to the economic well-being of the United States; and

WHEREAS: Peanut production is the second-largest single cash row crop in Georgia, with gross farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS: The hundreds of Georgia companies that are engaged in warehousing, processing, manufacturing, and marketing entirely depend on the peanut industry, and many Georgia companies engaged in financing, supplying, distributing and transporting depend on the peanut industry to some extent; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia peanut industry plays a significant role in the economic growth and prosperity of our state, contributing an estimated \$1.25 billion to the state's economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgia citizens; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2016 as GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH in Georgia.

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



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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