



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA PECAN MONTH

- WHEREAS: Pecans are America's only indigenous nut, popular not only for their delicious flavor, but also for their health benefits. Studies have shown that pecans may protect against heart disease by reducing blood levels of LDL cholesterol; and
- WHEREAS: Pecans are a natural, high-quality food, low in sodium, high in protein and unsaturated fats, and contain no cholesterol. Pecans are a good source of calcium, iron, phosphorus, potassium, and magnesium; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's commercial pecan production began in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and by 1901 the Southern Nut Growers Association, established in Albany, Georgia, was credited with advancing the Georgia pecan industry; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia remains the number one state in pecan production with over 500 different varieties of pecans produced at an average of 88 million pounds each year. The nut processing industry of cracking, shelling, grading, drying, and packaging is vital to our state's economy; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as GEORGIA PECAN MONTH and encourage all Georgians to participate in this observance by supporting our pecan industry.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris M. Riley*

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