



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

- WHEREAS: Conserving our state's natural and wildlife resources is one of the most important responsibilities we have to future generations in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Hunters and anglers were among the first to realize this responsibility more than 100 years ago when they saw firsthand how expanding civilization and unregulated exploitation had caused disastrous declines in wildlife population throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia hunters and anglers took steps to reverse this trend, helping found the conservation movement, supporting laws to stop uncontrolled exploitation of wildlife, and helping establish game and fish laws, enforcement, and management practices; and
- WHEREAS: Hunters and anglers suggested and supported laws to establish special hunting and fishing license fees and special taxes on their equipment to pay for conservation programs, contributing millions of dollars through these fees and taxes as well as through private contributions; and
- WHEREAS: The conservation programs supported and financed by Georgia hunters and anglers have benefited hundreds of wildlife species, from deer and wild turkeys to bald eagles and songbirds—wildlife that all Georgians can enjoy; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2012, as HUNTING AND FISHING DAY in Georgia on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this day.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF