BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MONTH

WHEREAS: Intellectual property is highly valued by Georgia's business community and remains a critical component for the growth and success of our state's economy; and

WHEREAS: Intellectual property rights incentivize the advancement of knowledge in high-demand fields and support greater investment in innovation and inventions that produce significant economic returns; and

WHEREAS: Intellectual property is sustained by those who protect and leverage patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and licensing agreements; and

WHEREAS: Through strong public-private partnerships with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Atlanta Chamber, the Georgia IP Alliance, and many others, the State of Georgia has cultivated an intellectual property ecosystem that encourages social good and private enterprise for global industry leaders, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS: Georgia State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Atlanta Bar Association and Georgia Lawyers for the Arts will host the 8th annual Charitable IP Golf Tournament (CIP CUP) on October 4, 2018, the 4th annual IP Career Showcase on October 22, 2018, the 12th Annual Corporate IP Institute on October 22-23, 2018, and the 5th IP Legends Award on October 24, 2018. These events, as well as other events hosted by universities and organizations throughout the state, play an important role in Georgia's national and global reputation for promotion and preservation of intellectual property; and

WHEREAS: Georgia State University and Georgia Tech support businesses, IP providers, and IP students throughout the year by hosting the Corporate IP Roundtable, the Patent Agent Roundtable, IP SpringPosium, IP Hot Topics, IP Think Tank, the Southeastern IP Job Fair, IP3, and more, thereby contributing to our state's thriving technology industry and creative media sectors; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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