



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WEEK

WHEREAS: The concept of Intellectual Property plays a significant role in Georgia's economy by incentivizing investments in knowledge. Intellectual property rights provide additional protections to those who develop successful innovations and inventions that obtain an economic return; and

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

WHEREAS: Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology are playing an important role in the State of Georgia's national and global success with Intellectual Property, including hosting The Annual Charitable IP Golf Tournament on October 3, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Corporate IP Institute on October 25-26, and The Annual IP Career Showcase on October 26; and

WHEREAS: Georgia State University and Georgia Tech support businesses, IP providers, and IP students throughout the year by hosting the Corporate IP Roundtable, Patent Agent Roundtable, IP Springposium, IP Hot Topics, IP Think Tank, and more, therefore contributing to the state's thriving greater technology sector; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2016, as INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF