



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION LAW DAY

WHEREAS: In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the first Law Day as “a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law.” Every president since has taken the occasion of Law Day as an annual opportunity to proclaim our nation’s ongoing commitment to the democratic rule of law; and

WHEREAS: The American Bar Association has declared the theme for Law Day 2013 as “Realizing the Dream: Equality for All.” This year’s theme recognizes the inextricable link between freedom and equality, the importance of living up to the promise of equality under the law enshrined in our nation’s founding documents, and the challenges that remain in realizing that ideal; and

WHEREAS: The year 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation as well as the 50th anniversary of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech; and

WHEREAS: All Americans are entitled to equal protection of the law and to the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This day affords all citizens of Georgia and the United States an opportunity to reflect on the vital role of our legal institutions—including our adversarial legal system, citizen juries, and independent courts. By appreciating our legal rights and valuing our civic responsibilities, Americans can work together to sustain our national commitment to a democratic society under law; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2013, as LAW DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

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