



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE WEEK

WHEREAS: The Marine Corps was incorporated in 1937 under federal legislation and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Marine Corps League is to preserve the traditions and interests of the United States Marine Corps, and to band those who are now serving and those who have been honorably discharged together in fellowship, so they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS: The Marine Corps League serves to foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the beginning of the Republic, to hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who have given their lives to the Nation, to maintain true allegiance to American institutions, to create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life, to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and Fleet Marine Force Corpsman- as well as their families, widows, and orphans- and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS: The twenty-six statewide Detachments will gather to host the National Commandant Vic Voltaggio and honor all Marines in Georgia. The Department of Georgia, Clyde Thomason Detachment is hosting the annual Georgia Marine Corps League State Convention on May 18-20, 2012, in Peachtree City, Georgia. The blessings of freedom and democracy we enjoy today are the direct result of the courage and sacrifice of generations of Americans. The State of Georgia is proud to honor the members of the Marine Corps League; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim MAY 13-19, 2012, as MARINE CORPS LEAGUE WEEK in Georgia and salute the courage and sacrifice of the United States Marine Corps and Fleet Marine Force Corpsman veterans.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF