BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS: Georgia is home to more than 1.7 million individuals age 60 or older; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to valuing these individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

WHEREAS: Older Georgians contribute to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of our state by sharing their experiences, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments with others; and

WHEREAS: Through hard work, ingenuity, and courage, older Georgians have inspired subsequent generations, provided a foundation for the continued progression of local communities, and helped to safeguard the freedoms we enjoy today; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's older residents remain active in their communities and civic life by participating in volunteer and mentorship opportunities, engaging in the arts and humanities, and pursuing new areas of interest. Recognizing such successes among community elders encourages their ongoing participation and celebrates their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: By promoting home-based and community-based services for more independent living and by expanding opportunities for continued work and learning, we can enrich the lives of older Georgians and help to ensure their overall well-being; and

WHEREAS: Older Americans Month provides an opportunity to recognize and thank the members of this devoted and active population for all that they have contributed and will continue to contribute to Georgia; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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