



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH

- WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver is a nonprofit nationwide public education program to help reduce collisions, fatalities, and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings. It also serves to reduce trespassing incidents on railroad tracks and rail properties; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia was the fourth state in the United States to form an Operation Lifesaver program in 1974, serving as a model for the nation; and
- WHEREAS: Great strides have been made in reducing collisions at Georgia's nearly 8,000 public and private crossings, resulting in a decrease of over 83 percent since the program's inception; and
- WHEREAS: Free training programs for all first responders, professional truckers, and school bus drivers are offered in Georgia, as well as safety educational presentations for the general public, urging adults and children to "Look, Listen, and Live" at railroad crossings and on railroad rights-of-way with special activities conducted during the month of May; and
- WHEREAS: A special continuous Whistle-Stop train will come through Georgia, sponsored by Norfolk Southern, to heighten awareness of railroad safety; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia do hereby proclaim May 2013 as OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH in Georgia, and urge all our citizens to drive safely and cautiously when approaching a highway-rail crossing, to obey the law by always yielding to oncoming trains, and to avoid trespassing on railroad tracks and rights-of-way.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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