



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK**

- WHEREAS: The Georgia Prescribed Burning Act of 1992 declares and protects prescribed burning as a valuable and necessary forest management tool; and
- WHEREAS: Prescribed burning of Georgia's forest lands is a valuable tool for protecting the forest from devastating wildfires and managing valuable wildlife species; and
- WHEREAS: Professional foresters and other land resource managers use prescribed burning for improving forest health, reducing hazardous fuels, and for reforestation; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Forestry Commission, along with partner agencies and organizations across the state, support, promote, educate, and train for the continued use of prescribed burning; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7-13, 2016, as PRESCRIBED FIRE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia and thank those land managers who protect and maintain Georgia's natural heritage for present and future generations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riden

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