BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS: Behavioral health is an essential part of health and wellness; and

WHEREAS: Addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain disorders, and may affect Americans of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds. Addiction imposes enormous medical, societal, and economic costs; and

WHEREAS: Initiatives to prevent substance use disorders are especially important for stopping addiction before it starts. Preventing and overcoming mental disorders and substance use issues are essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, communities, and families; and

WHEREAS: Treatment has been scientifically proven to be the most effective intervention for dealing with addiction. Treatments for addiction help people recover in Georgia and around our country, thereby saving and changing lives; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of healthcare providers and other concerned individuals have dedicated their lives to prevention programs, recovery processes, and the education of both policymakers and the public regarding the dangers of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS: Recovery Month raises awareness for individuals who are currently working to overcome addictions through treatment. During this month, we are reminded to encourage relatives, friends, and fellow community members to implement preventative measures, to be aware of the signs of mental and substance use disorders, and to help those struggling to find appropriate treatment and support services; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as RECOVERY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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