BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

WHEREAS: Social work professionals are dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable members of our society; and

WHEREAS: The social work profession is expected to grow steadily over the next seven years, as an estimated 649,000 people will be employed as social workers by 2024; and

WHEREAS: Social workers are present throughout our society, including in government agencies, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, and in health care and mental health organizations; and

WHEREAS: Social workers embody the 2018 Social Work Month theme: "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions."; and

WHEREAS: Social workers bring together individuals, communities, organizations, and government agencies to help solve some of the most pressing issues of the day and advocate for vulnerable populations in their communities. Social workers also help to drive policymaking and reforms while breaking down barriers for those they serve; and

WHEREAS: During Social Work Month, we join the National Association of Social Workers-Georgia Chapter and other organizations to celebrate and support those in the social work profession; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as SOCIAL WORK MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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