



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE MONTH

WHEREAS: The Victory Over Violence campaign seeks to honor all Georgians who are survivors of any form of victimization, tragedy, or loss of loved ones, or are victims of violence. This campaign has a goal to decrease the spirit of anger, hate, and fear that all too often results in loss of loved ones to acts of destruction, whether committed upon one's self or by the hands of others; and

WHEREAS: Victory Over Violence for the past two decades has advocated alternatives to violence through training, information, motivation, education, the arts, entrepreneurship, entertainment, and community service, aligned with the great prevention, intervention, and recovery industries serving across Georgia. These groups are motivated to mobilize sustainable practices which reduce or control violence in homes, schools, playgrounds, neighborhoods or the workplace; and

WHEREAS: All acts of destruction upon one's self or others violates the right of all Georgians to be free of fear, hurt, harm, or loss. We are bound to a common mission to restore, preserve, protect, and provide for families regardless of race, age, culture, creed, gender, religious, economic, or political status; and

WHEREAS: Victory over Violence Month incorporates Mothers Day, Veterans Day, and Fathers Day into its celebration and gives tribute to all who have suffered the loss of loved ones. We share our time, expertise, and resources in the spirit of creating a safer, more caring community and world through each and every Georgian with a "Servant's Heart," who holds up their end to help uplift the human spirit from tragedy to triumph; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE MONTH in Georgia and urge our citizens to commit themselves anew to helping reduce all forms of violence upon one's self and others in every community in the great State of Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF