



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION FOSTER CARE MONTH

- WHEREAS: Families are the foundation of our communities, as they are the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children; and
- WHEREAS: Today, the State of Georgia provides foster care for approximately 13,500 children, some of whom are placed in the homes of relatives; and
- WHEREAS: Foster families across the state open their homes and extend love and security to children in need. They also often support the birth families who are working to meet the goals necessary for reunification; and
- WHEREAS: More foster homes are needed to provide children with safe, secure and stable living environments. Foster families give of themselves to provide a valuable benefit to their community, as well as loving homes to children in need; and
- WHEREAS: Many public and private organizations continue to work to increase public awareness of the needs of foster children in Georgia so that we may more effectively address the important roles of both communities and families in providing a better quality of life for children across the state; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as FOSTER CARE MONTH in Georgia and encourage Georgia citizens to volunteer their talents and energies to support children in foster care, foster parents, and professional foster care program staff.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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