



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY
LITERACY WEEK

- WHEREAS: Approximately 32 million Americans cannot read or write. In Georgia, roughly 1.1 million individuals over the age of 18 have not completed high school or received a General Educational Development diploma; and
- WHEREAS: Literacy rates are typically the lowest in economically disadvantaged communities. Low literacy rates often correlate with high unemployment rates, high crime rates, and welfare dependency; and
- WHEREAS: Parents who cannot read or write perpetuate intergenerational cycles of illiteracy, as they are unable to help their children learn daily tasks such as how to read medicine bottles, navigate public transportation, practice comparative shopping, make correct change, or complete homework for school; and
- WHEREAS: Increasing public awareness of literacy rates can alleviate illiteracy; and
- WHEREAS: Low literacy rates among adults may also be countered through greater support for literacy programs through public libraries and by strengthening workplace, school, and volunteer literacy programs on the local, state, and national levels; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2-8, 2018, as ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK and September 8, 2018, as LITERACY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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