



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION TOASTMASTERS WEEK

WHEREAS: The fear of public speaking is one of people's biggest fears. In today's competitive job market, companies are seeking employees who possess both technical and communication skills. Therefore, the ability to relate ideas effectively and coherently is essential to advancement in almost all occupations; and

WHEREAS: For over 65 years, Georgia Toastmasters volunteers have mentored their club members, helping them to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Today, as always, Toastmasters training is available throughout District 14 to all Georgians, from Rome to Savannah and Valdosta to Augusta, with more than 6,000 members in over 280 clubs; and

WHEREAS: The result is that several generations of citizens who may have previously lacked confidence and ability have now become competent and effective leaders in our communities' schools, businesses, places of worship, and governments. Many of these new leaders use their newfound voices as advocates for "those who have no voice" in Georgia's numerous charitable endeavors; and

WHEREAS: Toastmasters Week is an effort to inform the public of the importance of public speaking and the benefits of improving public speaking skills; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 29 - May 3, 2013, as TOASTMASTERS WEEK in Georgia and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

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