



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK

- WHEREAS: Quality health care is an important concern of the citizens of Georgia. The health of our citizens is a vital component in ensuring a flourishing and vibrant way of life for all, and affordable and accessible medical care is essential for the well-being of all citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Physician assistants (PAs) are medically trained professionals who provide comprehensive health care services and quality medical care to millions of Americans throughout this great country; and
- WHEREAS: According to the American Academy of Physician Assistants, approximately 257 million patient visits were made to PAs in 2008; and
- WHEREAS: PAs are important members of the health care delivery team who work closely with their supervising physicians in a broad range of specialties to enhance the quality of medical care in Georgia and the United States. With growing demand for more health care professionals, PAs provide faster access to care while also helping to control costs; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2011, as PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF