



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION ABIT MASSEY DAY

- WHEREAS: Mr. Francis "Abit" Massey is an exceptional Georgian who has served the state and his fellow citizens through countless contributions in his personal endeavors and his professional pursuits; and
- WHEREAS: A resident of Gainesville, "The Chicken Capitol of the World," Mr. Massey earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Georgia and a law degree from Emory University. He entered public service as the head of the Georgia Department of Commerce, where he established Georgia's first tourism division and oversaw the creation of the first Georgia Welcome Station; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Massey is one of the most respected and influential leaders in Georgia's agricultural industry. In 1960, Mr. Massey was named the executive director of the Georgia Poultry Federation, representing the stakeholders of one of the state's most important industries. He held this position for more than 48 years before being named the organization's president emeritus in 2009; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Massey has volunteered his time and extensive talents to many organizations, including serving as president of the UGA Alumni Association and chairman of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine advisory board. He sits on the boards of directors for the UGA Agricultural Alumni Association, the Georgia Research Foundation, the Georgia Council on Economic Education, and was the first man elected to serve on the board of Georgia Women of Achievement; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Massey has received numerous awards for his service, including the UGA Distinguished Alumni Merit Award, the Blue Key Service Award, the Clifford M. Clark Award, the inaugural Medallion of Honor for Service to the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the Distinguished Service Award from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine. The Massey family was named the 2014 UGA Alumni Association Family of the Year, and Mr. Massey is the only UGA graduate to receive Georgia Tech's Presidential Citation for remarkable service to the state and university; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Massey has established himself as an altruistic leader for the Georgia Poultry Foundation, his community and the State of Georgia. It is an honor to recognize Mr. Massey for his distinguished career of service and leadership; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2016, as ABIT MASSEY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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