



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION BLOOD DONATION DAY

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in Georgia and visiting the state. Low blood supply is a public safety concern both in Georgia and across the country, as hospitals and medical centers need to sustain a healthy supply for surgeries, emergencies, and other life-threatening situations; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there are more than 9.5 million blood donors in the United State and an estimated 5 million patients received blood each year; and
- WHEREAS: One pint of blood can save the lives of as many as three patients and as many as 38% of Americans are eligible to give blood at any given time; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to a number of committed public service organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, American Blood Centers, and others; and
- WHEREAS: Blood Donation Day in Georgia effectively reminds the communities around the state of the importance of blood donation and builds awareness regarding the constant need for blood donations; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2016, as BLOOD DONATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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