BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Georgia is home to 1,304,924 adults 65 years of age or older, which comprises over 12.7 percent of the state population; and

WHEREAS: We can predict that while one out of three adults age 65 and older will fall each year, less than half of these individuals talk to their healthcare providers about falling or how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS: In total, 65 percent of Georgians suffer from injuries related to falls each year. As older adults value their independence, a fall can significantly limit their ability to remain self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS: At-risk adults can reduce their chances of falling through regular exercise, medication review, vision screening, and making their home safer. Evidence based programs show promise in reducing falls and facilitating cost-effective interventions; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like the Georgia Falls Prevention Coalition, in communion with the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, encourage an increase in the availability of evidence-based falls prevention and physical activity programs in community-based organizations serving older adults; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2016, as FALLS PREVENTION DAY in Georgia and encourage all citizens of our state to join me in this special observance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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