BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

WHEREAS: Athletics play an important role in the development of discipline, initiative, confidence, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS: Participation of women and girls in sports activities continues to increase in Georgia and their achievements and contributions are noteworthy. Women's sports have increased at all levels, from elite competitions to community programs; and

WHEREAS: It is vital to recognize the positive influence sports can have on growing girls through role models such as coaches and sports figures, friendships that span social barriers, and experiences shared through athletics; and

WHEREAS: Involvement in sports provides girls with an opportunity to build confidence, develop their emotional and physical well-being, as well as cultivate communication and cooperation skills. It also promotes healthy bodies and minds as it increases flexibility, stamina, and coordination; and

WHEREAS: This year's National Girls and Women In Sports Day theme is "Leading The Way"; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2016, as GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY in Georgia and encourage all women and girls in our state to support or take part in sporting activities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris M. Riley

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