BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SQUARE DANCE MONTH

WHEREAS: Square Dancing, the official Folk Dance of the State of Georgia, has a long tradition of providing wholesome entertainment for Georgians, young and old, who participate in this exciting and friendly activity; and

WHEREAS: The square dance is a popular type of folk dance throughout the world. This dance for groups of four couples is performed in a compact framework, with each couple forming a side of the square. Traditionally, it is accompanied by modern country/western music. The couples perform a variety of movements prompted by the patter or singing instruction of a "caller." Cooperative movement is the hallmark of well-executed square dancing; and

WHEREAS: Square dancing is designated as the Official Georgia Folk Dance by Code Section 50-3-73 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS: Folk dances such as square dancing, round dancing, clogging, contra, and line dancing are a traditional form of community celebration. They require teamwork and cooperation, and are healthy and entertaining pastimes that bring joy to thousands of Georgians; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia State Square Dancers Association is hosting the 45th ANNUAL STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION in Athens, Georgia, on September 16-17, 2016; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as SQUARE DANCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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