BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS: The citizens of Georgia and the United States of America live in freedom because of the contributions and personal sacrifices made by those who have served and by those now serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS: Our nation has fought and continues to fight battles around the world for the ideals of liberty and justice. The words of the first Veterans Day proclamation signed by President Eisenhower still ring true: "Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain"; and

WHEREAS: Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve bravely in America's Armed Forces. We remember with somber and grateful hearts those men and women who have served in the military with distinction and valor as sailors, soldiers, airmen, and Marines, and offer our sincere prayers for those who continue to defend the principles on which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS: We will endeavor to always honor the contributions and sacrifices of the millions of Georgians who have, over the centuries, served in the military and the tens of thousands presently serving, both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is home to more than 752,000 veterans and tens of thousands of our nation's military families. We are proud to recognize our country's veterans and extend the appreciation of our citizens to those who wear the uniforms of the United States Armed Forces and serve on the front lines, preserving freedom and liberty; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2016, as VETERANS DAY in Georgia and encourage all citizens to observe and appreciate the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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