BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

APRENTICESHIP WEEK

WHEREAS: The apprenticeship model provides the framework for Georgia companies to develop and implement customized training programs that bridge skill gaps to meet workforce needs; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship programs develop Georgia's workforce by providing opportunities for the full range of job seekers: adults, parents, youth, students, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and returning citizens to secure meaningful employment under the guidance of skilled employers; and

WHEREAS: Work-based learning and on-the-job training opportunities increase career options for many Georgians while also meeting employers' needs for skilled workers. Many apprentices train for high-demand careers, which require significant technical skill and direct experience in the field; and

WHEREAS: As apprentices progress through their training under professionals of their respective trades, they earn increasing wages, gain industry-recognized credentials, and become prepared to succeed in their chosen field; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's comprehensive workforce development strategy includes partnerships that promote Registered Apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Labor, the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development - WorkSource Georgia, and other educational and industry partners facilitate economic prosperity through Registered Apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS: The ongoing development and expansion of apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs strengthen Georgia's skilled labor pipeline to bolster economic development. These initiatives increase the availability of affordable education, on-the-job training, and employer engagement; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, in conjunction with NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018, as APPRENTICESHIP WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF