BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Georgia is home to nearly 700,000 working-age people with disabilities and more than 28,000 people with disabilities entered our state’s workforce last year; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is committed to expanding employment opportunities for citizens with disabilities and promoting each person’s right to lead an independent life; and

WHEREAS: The full inclusion and successful employment of individuals with disabilities are essential to building a robust and competitive workforce. Such individuals bring talent and value to our places of work and help to enrich local communities; and

WHEREAS: In 1988, Congress designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to recognize the workplace accomplishments of men and women with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: This year’s theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month is “America’s Workforce: Empowering All,” which highlights the importance of supporting people with disabilities in the workforce; and

WHEREAS: During Disability Employment Awareness Month, organizations such as RespectAbility will celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities and raise awareness among the general public regarding the benefits of a more inclusive workforce; and

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF