BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS: In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans Day proclamation calling on our nation to "pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation"; and

WHEREAS: Our nation has fought and continues to fight battles around the world. The words of that first proclamation 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: We remember with somber and grateful hearts those men and women who have served the United States of America 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: The state of Georgia is home to more than 773,000 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, 2011, as VETERANS DAY in Georgia and encourage all Georgians 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 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF