

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

# A PROCLAMATION SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS: Approximately 20,000 children under the age of fourteen experience motor vehicle related pedestrian injuries each year, and more than half of those injuries require hospitalization. Many of these injuries can be avoided if children have proper road safety education and do not cross dangerous streets or use intersections unsupervised; and

WHEREAS: School crossing guards are a dependable means of helping children avoid unnecessary accidents and injuries, yet they often encounter adversarial, dangerous, and sometimes hostile attitudes during the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS: Motorists should be aware of children walking to and from school and be especially cautious in and around school zones. They should also follow the directions of all crossing guards and recognize that by doing so, road safety can be improved; and

WHEREAS: Crossing guards play an integral role in our communities, working hard to ensure the security of children as they walk to and from school. They also teach children to look both ways before crossing the street and other essential safety rules; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2013, as SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia and encourage all of our citizens to recognize the services that these dedicated professionals provide to keep our citizens and their children safe.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

