BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Like many other states, Georgia is vulnerable to extreme cold and winter storms that can bring snow and ice, sleet, and freezing rain which can damage property, disrupt travel, and cause power outages; and

WHEREAS: Winter storms are considered "deceptive killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Most people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold temperatures. It also leads to power outages, and interrupts communication services to homes, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS: Departments and agencies of the local, state, and federal government, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, are working to prevent and respond to winter weather emergencies; and

WHEREAS: All Georgians are encouraged to prepare and plan for winter weather conditions by winterizing their homes, learning the terms used to identify winter weather, making a family communications plan, preparing a Ready kit of emergency supplies for their homes and cars, minimizing travel, and bringing pets indoors; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Office of Homeland Security maintains an ambitious and proactive Ready Georgia public relations campaign to help Georgians become better prepared for winter weather by encouraging residents to complete a personal profile on the *Ready Georgia* website at www.ready.ga.gov; and

WHEREAS: The upgraded Ready Georgia app offers Georgians geo-targeted severe weather and emergency alerts, traffic information, and an enhanced shelters map that displays the location of open Red Cross shelters and warming centers along with directions from the users' current location; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 30-December 4, 2015, as WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK in Georgia and urge all citizens to educate themselves and others about the dangers of winter weather and to always be prepared.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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