



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of Georgia's children is a top priority which continues to be addressed both on state and local levels, particularly as children head to playgrounds this spring and summer; and

WHEREAS: Each year, more than 200,000 children in the United States are injured while playing at playgrounds, for an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every 2.5 minutes; and

WHEREAS: The National Program for Playground Safety offers useful information on proper Supervision, Age appropriate equipment, materials to soften Falls to the surface, and Equipment maintenance, thereby keeping our children SAFE and substantially reducing the number of playground injuries; and

WHEREAS: As the warmer months approach and children spend more time at playgrounds, child care centers, schools, parks, and other public facilities, parents, guardians, and care takers are encouraged to take extra precautions to keep children safe and injury-free; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 24-28, 2017, as PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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