



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: The Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN) is a valued contributor to the overall well-being of our state's citizens as a public-private collaborative that seeks to improve health care coordination and the care of all patients through a state-wide health information exchange that will connect hospitals, clinics, labs, regional health information exchanges, and other health care related stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: Working alongside the Georgia Department of Community Health and the Georgia Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center, the GaHIN is helping to meet the needs of patients in every corner of our state by forming the Georgia Health Information Exchange network, which will connect regional health information exchanges and allow for cost-effective and timely delivery of information; and

WHEREAS: In matters of health and physical well-being, information is vital to providing appropriate care. This secure exchange of clinical information will improve coordination, patient-centered care, the health status of our state, and managed care of individuals who deal with chronic health care needs; and

WHEREAS: The health of every Georgian is a priority of my administration. It is imperative that our state continues to search for cost-effective means of improving our health care system and quality of patient care; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend all those involved in the

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and support this beneficial tool as it helps to improve the medical care of our citizens.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of August, 2013.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Chris W. Ridley
CHIEF OF STAFF