



## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

### A COMMENDATION

**WHEREAS:** Golden Key International Honour Society was founded in 1977 at Georgia State University by a group of students dedicated to promoting scholastic achievement; and

**WHEREAS:** Golden Key is an academic honors organization that recognizes the top 15 percent of collegiate sophomores, juniors, seniors, and high-performing graduate students from all fields of study; and

**WHEREAS:** Golden Key offers students with diverse backgrounds and interests a meaningful opportunity to learn from one another and connect with faculty and university administrators; and

**WHEREAS:** Golden Key's three pillars – academics, leadership, and service – encourage students to engage in campus and community activities in order to gain the knowledge and leadership skills needed to thrive; and

**WHEREAS:** Golden Key is comprised of 2.5 million members and 25,000 honorary members representing more than 400 active chapters in Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** Over a span of four decades, Golden Key has granted more than \$14 million in scholarships and awards to help hardworking students reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS:** Golden Key will celebrate its 40th anniversary on November 29, 2017, and recognize lifetime members for their continued commitment to academics and community service; now

**THEREFORE:** I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend the members of

### GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

and join in recognizing the organization's 40th anniversary.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
*Chris W. Riley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF