

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: Through international business activity, Georgia companies have a fundamental role in promoting our state in the global marketplace. When Georgia businesses reach new markets, they represent our state's leading industries abroad and expand Georgia's international reach. These international business relationships are vital to our state's economic development. As a result, Georgia's international connections are strengthened and new opportunities are created in our state; and

WHEREAS: For the fifth consecutive year, Georgia exports reached a record high. Companies in our state exported \$39.4 billion in goods and services to 227 countries and territories in 2014. Georgia remained the 11th largest exporting state, and became the seventh largest importing state. Imports grew by \$83.7 billion, which was an increase of nearly 12 percent from 2013; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's international representatives continue to strengthen the state's position in international trade and global commerce. These representatives are located in 11 strategic global markets, including Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Europe, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. This diverse geographical representation allows companies to reach new markets, thus advancing our state as a whole.

WHEREAS: The GLOBE (Georgia Launching Opportunities by Exporting) Award was established in 2014 by the Georgia Department of Economic Development to recognize companies in our state that have entered into one or more new international markets within the previous calendar year. On behalf of the State of Georgia, I congratulate Hydro Dynamics, Inc. for entering the markets of Argentina and China in 2014; now

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

HYDRO DYNAMICS, INC.



as a recipient of the 2015 GLOBE Award on March 2, 2015.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of March, 2015.

GOVERNOR ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF