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## **Deal: August revenues up 2 percent**

Gov. Nathan Deal announced today that Georgia's net tax collections for the month of August totaled \$1.35 billion for an increase of \$27 million, or 2 percent, compared to August 2012. Year-to-date, net tax revenue collections totaled \$2.75 billion for an increase of nearly \$115.5 million or 4.4 percent, compared to the same point last year.

The following changes within the various tax categories led to the overall net revenue increase in August:

**Individual Income Tax:** Individual Income Tax collections for August totaled \$699.5 million — down from \$709 million in August 2012, for a decrease of \$9.5 million or -1.3 percent.

The following notable components within Individual Income Tax account for the net decrease:

- Individual Withholding payments were down \$25.75 million, or -3.6 percent
- Individual Income Tax refunds issued (net of voided checks) were down \$9.25 million, or -20.4 percent
- All other Individual categories including Return & Assessment payments were up a combined \$7 million

**Sales and Use Tax:** Gross Sales Tax collections declined \$37.5 million, or -4.5 percent, compared to last year\*. Net Sales & Use Tax collections for August decreased nearly \$39 million, or -8.7 percent — down from \$446.75 million in August 2012 to a total of \$408 million in FY 2014. Lastly, the adjusted Sales Tax distribution to local governments totaled \$374.25 million, which was a decrease of \$11.25 million compared to August 2012.

**Corporate Income Tax:** Corporate Income Tax collections for August increased nearly \$3.5 million, or 28.3 percent, compared to last year when Corporate Tax revenues totaled nearly \$12 million in August 2012.

The following notable components within Corporate Income Tax make up the increase:

- Corporate Tax refunds issued (net of voided checks) were down \$10.5 million, or -70.5 percent
- Corporate Return payments for August increased \$5.75 million, or 195.5 percent
- All other Corporate Tax categories combined for a decrease of nearly \$12.75 million compared to FY 2013

**\*Motor Vehicle Tag & Title Fees:** Motor Vehicle Fee collections for August totaled \$87 million, which was \$59 million higher than the previous year. The large year-over-year increase is the result of the new tax legislation (H.B. 266) that became effective as of March 1, 2013. The new law established a Title ad Valorem Tax to replace the Automobile Sales Tax, which was traditionally assessed on the purchase of a car. As a result, gross Sales Tax collections have been reduced while Motor Vehicle fees have increased by an average of \$52.5 million per month since the filing of March returns began in April of FY 2013.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**Comparative Summary of Net Revenue Collections**  
(unaudited - 000's)

|  | <b>For the Month Ended</b> |                     |                  |                 |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|  | <b>August 2013</b>         | <b>August 2012</b>  | <b>\$ Change</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|  | <b>(FY 2014)</b>           | <b>(FY 2013)</b>    |                  |                 |
| <b>Tax Revenues:</b>                           |                            |                     |                  |                 |
| Income Tax - Individual:                       | \$ 699,546                 | \$ 708,976          | \$ (9,430)       | -1.3%           |
| <b>Sales and Use Tax - General:</b>            |                            |                     |                  |                 |
| Sales and Use Tax - Gross (Footnote 2)         | \$ 801,897                 | \$ 839,312          | \$ (37,415)      | -4.5%           |
| Local Sales Tax Distribution (Footnote 1)      | \$ (374,255)               | \$ (385,502)        | \$ 11,247        | 2.9%            |
| Sales Tax Adjustments/Refunds                  | \$ (19,727)                | \$ (7,012)          | \$ (12,716)      | -181.4%         |
| Net Sales and Use Tax - General                | \$ 407,914                 | \$ 446,798          | \$ (38,884)      | -8.7%           |
| <b>Motor Fuel Taxes:</b>                       |                            |                     |                  |                 |
| Prepaid Motor Fuel Tax                         | \$ 46,249                  | \$ 46,936           | \$ (687)         | -1.5%           |
| Motor Fuel Excise Tax                          | \$ 36,316                  | \$ 35,779           | \$ 537           | 1.5%            |
| Total Motor Fuel Taxes                         | \$ 82,565                  | \$ 82,714           | \$ (150)         | -0.2%           |
| Income Tax - Corporate                         | \$ 15,360                  | \$ 11,974           | \$ 3,387         | 28.3%           |
| Tobacco & Cigar Taxes                          | \$ 20,143                  | \$ 17,780           | \$ 2,363         | 13.3%           |
| Alcoholic Beverage Taxes                       | \$ 14,607                  | \$ 13,751           | \$ 855           | 6.2%            |
| Estate Tax                                     | \$ -                       | \$ -                | \$ -             |                 |
| Property Tax                                   | \$ 346                     | \$ (668)            | \$ 1,014         | -151.8%         |
| Motor Vehicle - Tag, Title & Fees (Footnote 2) | \$ 87,083                  | \$ 27,935           | \$ 59,148        | 211.7%          |
| <b>Total Tax Revenues</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,327,564</b>        | <b>\$ 1,309,261</b> | <b>\$ 18,303</b> | <b>1.4%</b>     |
| <b>Other Revenues:</b>                         |                            |                     |                  |                 |
| Other Fees & Taxes (Footnote 3)                | \$ 17,751                  | \$ 9,155            | \$ 8,596         | 93.9%           |
| <b>Total Taxes and Other Revenues</b>          | <b>\$ 1,345,315</b>        | <b>\$ 1,318,415</b> | <b>\$ 26,900</b> | <b>2.0%</b>     |

|  | <b>Year-to-Date</b> |                     |                   |                 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  | <b>FY 2014</b>      | <b>FY 2013</b>      | <b>\$ Change</b>  | <b>% Change</b> |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                            |                     |                     |                   |                 |
| <b>Tax Revenues:</b>                           |                     |                     |                   |                 |
| Income Tax - Individual                        | \$ 1,457,911        | \$ 1,407,045        | \$ 50,866         | 3.6%            |
| <b>Sales and Use Tax - General:</b>            |                     |                     |                   |                 |
| Sales and Use Tax - Gross (Footnote 2)         | \$ 1,618,992        | \$ 1,699,656        | \$ (80,663)       | -4.7%           |
| Local Sales Tax Distribution (Footnote 1)      | \$ (752,939)        | \$ (781,566)        | \$ 28,627         | 3.7%            |
| Sales Tax Adjustments/Refunds                  | \$ (28,052)         | \$ (10,980)         | \$ (17,072)       | -155.5%         |
| Net Sales and Use Tax - General                | \$ 838,001          | \$ 907,110          | \$ (69,108)       | -7.6%           |
| <b>Motor Fuel Taxes:</b>                       |                     |                     |                   |                 |
| Prepaid Motor Fuel Tax                         | \$ 94,955           | \$ 90,736           | \$ 4,219          | 4.7%            |
| Motor Fuel Excise Tax                          | \$ 76,233           | \$ 72,063           | \$ 4,170          | 5.8%            |
| Total Motor Fuel Taxes                         | \$ 171,188          | \$ 162,799          | \$ 8,389          | 5.2%            |
| Income Tax - Corporate                         | \$ 29,357           | \$ 29,880           | \$ (523)          | -1.8%           |
| Tobacco & Cigar Taxes                          | \$ 37,899           | \$ 25,982           | \$ 11,917         | 45.9%           |
| Alcoholic Beverage Taxes                       | \$ 29,904           | \$ 30,195           | \$ (291)          | -1.0%           |
| Estate Tax                                     | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -              |                 |
| Property Tax                                   | \$ 1,477            | \$ 1,787            | \$ (309)          | -17.3%          |
| Motor Vehicle - Tag, Title & Fees (Footnote 2) | \$ 170,617          | \$ 49,291           | \$ 121,326        | 246.1%          |
| <b>Total Tax Revenues</b>                      | <b>\$ 2,736,355</b> | <b>\$ 2,614,089</b> | <b>\$ 122,266</b> | <b>4.7%</b>     |
| <b>Other Revenues:</b>                         |                     |                     |                   |                 |
| Other Fees & Taxes (Footnote 3)                | \$ 19,321           | \$ 26,238           | \$ (6,917)        | -26.4%          |
| <b>Total Taxes and Other Revenues</b>          | <b>\$ 2,755,677</b> | <b>\$ 2,640,327</b> | <b>\$ 115,350</b> | <b>4.4%</b>     |

**Footnotes:**

- The Local Distribution has been adjusted with an end-of-month accrual to reflect Sales Tax payment activity after the actual distribution 3 days before month-end.
- Effective March 1, 2013, legislation (H.B. 266) went into effect to establish a new Title ad Valorem Tax in lieu of Automobile Sales Tax collected at the point of sale and replacing the annual ad valorem "birthday" tax paid on the assessed value of vehicles purchased before January 1, 2012. Due to the corresponding shifting of tax revenues from Sales Tax to Motor Vehicle (TAVT), gross Sales Tax collections are under-stated and Motor Vehicle fees over-stated relative to collections in FY 2013.
- "Other Fees & Taxes" includes payments that have been deposited in the bank, but for which returns may not yet have been processed. The undistributed amounts are then re-classified (as returns are processed) to the proper and respective revenue account. "Other Fees" also includes Unclaimed Property collections.