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Deal: September revenues up 8.3 percent

Gov. Nathan Deal announced today that Georgia's net tax collections for the month of September totaled \$1.72 billion for an increase of \$132 million, or 8.3 percent, compared to September 2012. Year-to-date, net tax revenue collections totaled \$4.48 billion for an increase of nearly \$247.5 million, or 5.8 percent, compared to the same point last year.

Changes within the following major tax categories explain the net tax revenue increase in September:

Individual Income Tax: Individual Income Tax collections for September totaled \$885.5 million — up from \$827 million in September 2012, for an increase of \$58.5 million, or 7.1 percent.

The following notable components within Individual Income Tax explain the net increase:

- Individual Withholding payments were up \$44.25 million, or 6.6 percent
- Individual Income Tax refunds issued (net of voided checks) were up \$3.5 million, or 11.2 percent
- Individual Estimated payments were up \$13 million, or 9.5 percent, over last year
- All other Individual categories including Return payments were up a combined \$4.75 million

Sales and Use Tax: Gross Sales Tax collections declined \$48.5 million, or -5.7 percent, compared to last year*. Sales & Use Tax collections for September decreased \$38.25 million, or -8.3 percent — down from nearly \$459.75 million in September 2012 to \$421.5 million in FY 2014. Lastly, the adjusted Sales Tax distribution to local governments totaled \$380.75 million, which was a decrease of \$8.25 million compared to September 2012.

Corporate Income Tax: Corporate Income Tax collections for September increased \$29.25 million, or 19.5 percent, compared to last year when Corporate Tax revenues totaled nearly \$150.5 million for the month.

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

- Corporate Tax refunds issued (net of voided checks) were down \$8.25 million, or -52.4 percent
- Corporate Estimated payments for September increased \$21 million, or 15.2 percent
- All other Corporate Tax categories combined for a slight immaterial increase of \$90k compared to FY 2013

***Motor Vehicle Tag & Title Fees:** Motor Vehicle Fee & Tax collections for September totaled \$98.25 million, which was \$74.5 million higher than the previous year. The large year-over-year increase was the result of a change in the Tax Code (H.B. 266) that took effect March 1. The new law established a Title ad Valorem Tax to replace Automobile Sales Tax, which was traditionally assessed on the purchase price of a car, as well as the annual ad valorem “birthday” tax paid on a vehicle’s assessed value. Gross Sales Tax collections have been reduced while Motor Vehicle fees have increased by an average of \$56 million per month since the April filing period began.

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

	For the Month Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	September 2013 (FY 2014)	September 2012 (FY 2013)		
Tax Revenues:				
Income Tax - Individual:	\$ 885,568	\$ 827,123	\$ 58,444	7.1%
Sales and Use Tax - General:				
Sales and Use Tax - Gross (Footnote 2)	\$ 806,861	\$ 855,461	\$ (48,600)	-5.7%
Local Sales Tax Distribution (Footnote 1)	\$ (380,713)	\$ (388,860)	\$ 8,147	2.1%
Sales Tax Adjustments/Refunds	\$ (4,741)	\$ (6,977)	\$ 2,236	32.0%
Net Sales and Use Tax - General	\$ 421,407	\$ 459,625	\$ (38,217)	-8.3%
Motor Fuel Taxes:				
Prepaid Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 52,465	\$ 46,230	\$ 6,235	13.5%
Motor Fuel Excise Tax	\$ 38,767	\$ 34,406	\$ 4,362	12.7%
Total Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 91,232	\$ 80,636	\$ 10,596	13.1%
Income Tax - Corporate	\$ 179,687	\$ 150,359	\$ 29,328	19.5%
Tobacco & Cigar Taxes	\$ 19,036	\$ 18,968	\$ 68	0.4%
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	\$ 14,977	\$ 11,405	\$ 3,573	31.3%
Estate Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Property Tax	\$ 1,235	\$ 2,527	\$ (1,292)	-51.1%
Motor Vehicle - Tag, Title & Fees (Footnote 2)	\$ 98,286	\$ 23,750	\$ 74,537	313.8%
Total Tax Revenues	\$ 1,711,428	\$ 1,574,391	\$ 137,037	8.7%
Other Revenues:				
Other Fees & Taxes (Footnote 3)	\$ 10,514	\$ 15,549	\$ (5,036)	-32.4%
Total Taxes and Other Revenues	\$ 1,721,942	\$ 1,589,941	\$ 132,002	8.3%

GENERAL FUND	Year-to-Date		\$ Change	% Change
	FY 2014	FY 2013		
Tax Revenues:				
Income Tax - Individual	\$ 2,343,479	\$ 2,234,168	\$ 109,310	4.9%
Sales and Use Tax - General:				
Sales and Use Tax - Gross (Footnote 2)	\$ 2,425,854	\$ 2,555,117	\$ (129,263)	-5.1%
Local Sales Tax Distribution (Footnote 1)	\$ (1,133,652)	\$ (1,170,426)	\$ 36,774	3.1%
Sales Tax Adjustments/Refunds	\$ (32,793)	\$ (17,957)	\$ (14,836)	-82.6%
Net Sales and Use Tax - General	\$ 1,259,409	\$ 1,366,734	\$ (107,325)	-7.9%
Motor Fuel Taxes:				
Prepaid Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 147,420	\$ 136,966	\$ 10,454	7.6%
Motor Fuel Excise Tax	\$ 115,000	\$ 106,469	\$ 8,531	8.0%
Total Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 262,420	\$ 243,434	\$ 18,986	7.8%
Income Tax - Corporate	\$ 209,044	\$ 180,239	\$ 28,805	16.0%
Tobacco & Cigar Taxes	\$ 56,935	\$ 44,950	\$ 11,985	26.7%
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	\$ 44,881	\$ 41,600	\$ 3,281	7.9%
Estate Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Property Tax	\$ 2,712	\$ 4,313	\$ (1,601)	-37.1%
Motor Vehicle - Tag, Title & Fees (Footnote 2)	\$ 268,904	\$ 73,041	\$ 195,862	268.2%
Total Tax Revenues	\$ 4,447,784	\$ 4,188,480	\$ 259,303	6.2%
Other Revenues:				
Other Fees & Taxes (Footnote 3)	\$ 29,835	\$ 41,787	\$ (11,952)	-28.6%
Total Taxes and Other Revenues	\$ 4,477,619	\$ 4,230,268	\$ 247,351	5.8%

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.