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Deal: March revenues up 9 percent

Gov. Nathan Deal announced today that Georgia's net tax revenues for March totaled \$1.43 billion, an increase of \$118.5 million, or 9 percent, compared to March 2014. Year-to-date, net tax revenue collections totaled \$13.85 billion for an increase of \$794.8 million, or 6.1 percent, compared to the previous fiscal year, when net tax revenues totaled \$13.05 billion through nine months. Year-to-date gross tax collections, before refunds and distributions to local governments, totaled \$19.2 billion, which was an increase of \$1.08 billion, or 6 percent, compared to the year-to-date total of \$18.12 billion in March 2014.

The changes within the following tax categories made up the majority of March's net tax increase:

Individual Income Tax: Individual Income Tax collections for March totaled \$543.5 million, up from \$477.5 million in March 2014, for an increase of \$66 million, or 13.8 percent.

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

- Income Tax Withholding payments were up \$42.6 million, or 4.6 percent
- Income Tax refunds, which totaled \$511.3 million during the month, were down \$15.5 million, or -3 percent
- All other Individual Tax categories, including Non-Resident Income Tax, were up \$1.7 million

Sales and Use Tax: Gross Sales Tax collections deposited during the month totaled \$801.2 million, which was an increase of \$10 million, or 1.3 percent, compared to March 2014. Furthermore, net Sales Tax revenue decreased nearly \$1 million, or -0.2 percent, compared to March 2014, when net Sales Tax totaled \$417 million. The adjusted distribution of sales tax to

local governments totaled \$375 million, which was an increase of \$3.6 million, or 1 percent, over last year's total. Sales Tax refunds increased \$7.4 million compared to the previous year.

Corporate Income Tax: Corporate Income Tax collections for March increased nearly \$18.7 million, or 8.7 percent, compared to March 2014, when Corporate Tax revenues totaled \$213.9 million.

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

- Corporate Tax refunds issued (net of voided checks) were down \$3.4 million, or -19.5 percent
- Corporate Estimated Tax Return payments were up \$9.4 million, or 10.8 percent
- All other Corporate Tax categories, including Return and S-Corp, were up a combined \$5.9 million

Motor Fuel Tax: Motor Fuel Tax collections for March totaled \$82.4 million, an increase of nearly \$6.5 million, or 8.5 percent, compared to March 2014, when Motor Fuel Tax revenues totaled \$75.9 million. This increase is primarily attributable to late payments from a distributor.

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

	For the Month Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 2015 (FY 2015)	March 2014 (FY 2014)		
Tax Revenues:				
Income Tax - Individual:	\$ 543,494	\$ 477,452	\$ 66,042	13.8%
Sales and Use Tax - General:				
Sales and Use Tax - Gross	\$ 801,184	\$ 791,155	\$ 10,030	1.3%
Local Distribution (Footnote 1)	\$ (374,966)	\$ (371,353)	\$ (3,613)	-1.0%
Sales Tax Adjustments/Refunds	\$ (10,208)	\$ (2,845)	\$ (7,362)	-258.7%
Net Sales and Use Tax - General	\$ 416,010	\$ 416,956	\$ (946)	-0.2%
Motor Fuel Taxes:				
Prepaid Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 46,559	\$ 42,876	\$ 3,683	8.6%
Motor Fuel Excise Tax	\$ 35,820	\$ 33,040	\$ 2,780	8.4%
Total Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 82,378	\$ 75,916	\$ 6,463	8.5%
Income Tax - Corporate	\$ 232,524	\$ 213,855	\$ 18,669	8.7%
Tobacco & Cigar Taxes	\$ 14,934	\$ 16,214	\$ (1,280)	-7.9%
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	\$ 12,908	\$ 13,275	\$ (367)	-2.8%
Estate Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Property Tax	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,333	\$ (250)	-18.8%
Motor Vehicle - Tag, Title & Fees	\$ 102,196	\$ 91,424	\$ 10,772	11.8%
Total Tax Revenues	\$ 1,405,527	\$ 1,306,425	\$ 99,102	7.6%
Other Revenues:				
Other Fees & Taxes (Footnote 2)	\$ 30,237	\$ 10,890	\$ 19,347	177.7%
Total Taxes and Other Revenues	\$ 1,435,765	\$ 1,317,315	\$ 118,450	9.0%

	Year-to-Date		\$ Change	% Change
	FY 2015	FY 2014		
Tax Revenues:				
Income Tax - Individual	\$ 6,998,497	\$ 6,538,107	\$ 460,390	7.0%
Sales and Use Tax - General:				
Sales and Use Tax - Gross	\$ 7,724,931	\$ 7,304,805	\$ 420,126	5.8%
Local Distribution (Footnote 1)	\$ (3,630,324)	\$ (3,423,287)	\$ (207,037)	-6.0%
Sales Tax Adjustments/Refunds	\$ (61,928)	\$ (58,387)	\$ (3,540)	-6.1%
Net Sales and Use Tax - General	\$ 4,032,679	\$ 3,823,131	\$ 209,548	5.5%
Motor Fuel Taxes:				
Prepaid Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 417,426	\$ 423,043	\$ (5,617)	-1.3%
Motor Fuel Excise Tax	\$ 336,855	\$ 329,261	\$ 7,593	2.3%
Total Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 754,281	\$ 752,305	\$ 1,976	0.3%
Income Tax - Corporate	\$ 670,766	\$ 628,131	\$ 42,635	6.8%
Tobacco & Cigar Taxes	\$ 157,573	\$ 162,129	\$ (4,556)	-2.8%
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	\$ 136,292	\$ 131,405	\$ 4,887	3.7%
Estate Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Property Tax	\$ 25,595	\$ 36,077	\$ (10,482)	-29.1%
Motor Vehicle - Tag, Title & Fees	\$ 847,609	\$ 785,081	\$ 62,528	8.0%
Total Tax Revenues	\$ 13,623,294	\$ 12,856,365	\$ 766,929	6.0%
Other Revenues:				
Other Fees & Taxes (Footnote 2)	\$ 224,061	\$ 196,189	\$ 27,872	14.2%
Total Taxes and Other Revenues	\$ 13,847,355	\$ 13,052,555	\$ 794,800	6.1%

Footnotes:

- The Local Distribution is adjusted with an accrual to reflect payment activity that occurs after the actual distribution (3 business days prior to the end of a month).
- "Other Fees & Taxes" include payments that have been deposited in the bank, but for which returns may not yet have been processed. These undistributed tax amounts are then re-classified (once the return is processed) to the appropriate tax revenue account. "Other Fees" also includes Unclaimed Property collections.