**Lobster Roll at Kathleen’s Catch has been named one of Georgia’s “100 Plates Locals Love”**

ATLANTA, June 5, 2017— Kathleen’s Catch has been awarded the 2017/2018 “100 Plates Locals Love” distinction by Georgia Department of Economic Development’s Tourism Division (GDEcD). Georgia Tourism’s third annual list of “100 Plates Locals Love” is featured in the state’s culinary guide, *Georgia Eats*.

“Culinary experiences continue to be one of the top drivers of visitor interest when planning a vacation,” said Kevin Langston, deputy commissioner for tourism at the Georgia Department of Economic Development. “Georgia offers visitors unique food and beverage experiences in every corner of the state, and the *Georgia Eats* guide makes it easy for visitors and locals to discover the many flavors of Georgia.”

The Georgia Department of Economic Development’s Tourism Division highlights the state’s culinary greatness in the official guide *Georgia Eats*. The Tourism Division creates this informative and inspiring guide to entice visitors to sample the state’s world-class cuisine. Georgia Tourism created “100 Plates Locals Love” as a way to provide visitors with locally sourced suggestions, the same way we would recommend restaurants to our family and friends. As a part of the “100 Plates Locals Love” designation, each restaurant is featured in the *Georgia Eats* culinary guide, which is distributed via the 12 Visitor Information Centers statewide; on the state’s consumer tourism website ExploreGeorgia.org; and on Explore Georgia’s social media channels.

Different from the average restaurant, Kathleen Hulsey, owner of Kathleen’s Catch, opened her fish market to provide fresh seafood options that aren’t available in a grocery store. Her passion for quality is behind everything she sells. “I use only fresh lobster meat which means that I don't sell lobster rolls year round,” says Hulsey.  “We start up in June and go through the end of the year.  I would rather make the perfect lobster roll half a year than serve mediocrity all year long.”

Kathleen’s lobster roll is just one of many unique dining experiences in Johns Creek. The city is a foodie’s paradise, home to more than 125 restaurants representing 25 countries. From Italian

and Indian, to Cuban and Greek – or just that classic, can’t-go-wrong burger – there's always a new dish to discover.

As part of the state’s culinary initiative, the third annual Georgia Restaurant Week will take place July 17-23, 2017, at participating restaurants throughout Georgia. During this week-long event, patrons will be able to explore the numerous dining options throughout Georgia for a special price and sample locally grown products that are available in Georgia’s restaurants. Johns Creek looks forward to hosting their own Restaurant Week October 22-28, 2017.

This year, more than 750 “plates” were nominated via ExploreGeorgia.org and evaluated by a panel of judges. The third annual list of “100 Plates Locals Love” features favorite dishes from across the state.

**About GDEcD**

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects.

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