



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION ALZHEIMER'S DAY

WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease is a deterioration of the brain that causes memory loss, changes in behavior, and ultimately, death. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease affects not only the individual who has the disease, but also the loved ones and caregivers of the individual. In Georgia, there are over 110,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease and numerous more are affected through their role as caregivers and loved ones; and

WHEREAS: Alzheimer's Day encourages local communities to support Alzheimer's Awareness in their areas; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the efforts of the various support groups to provide services, education and support to Georgians dealing with Alzheimer's disease; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2011, as ALZHEIMER'S DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to learn more about this disease and to contribute toward efforts to find a cure.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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