



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
ORAL AND HEAD AND NECK
CANCER WEEK**

WHEREAS: Over 50,000 Americans are diagnosed every year with cancer of the head and neck, and less than 60 percent of all head and neck cancer patients will live over five years after their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: Over 85 percent of all oral and head and neck cancers can be prevented, but only a small percentage of the population understands the disease and its causes, treatments, and prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS: A significant number of individuals treated for this disease encounter disability due to breathing, swallowing, speaking, and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of this disease could result in earlier diagnosis, lower functional disability and higher survival rates; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2011, as ORAL AND HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS WEEK with August 8, 2011 as ORAL AND HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS DAY.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF