



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder characterized by involuntary muscle contractions, often resulting in painful and debilitating body positions for the patient; and

WHEREAS: Dystonia is a nonterminal disease that can make everyday tasks impossible to achieve; and

WHEREAS: Dystonia affects an estimated 500,000 people in North America, a third of which are children; and

WHEREAS: Numerous organizations, in the State of Georgia, are committed to investing the proper resources so that we may find a cure for this non-degenerative disease. It is the hope of the dystonia community to lessen the physical, emotional, and financial burdens of this devastating disease; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia in order to bring attention to this condition in our state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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