



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION ALS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive disorder of motor neurons, causing the death of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. This devastating disease usually results in problems with mobility as well as speaking, swallowing, and breathing; and

WHEREAS: Each year, over 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with this illness, for which there is no known cure. Currently, ALS affects an estimated 35,000 Americans. The life expectancy for those diagnosed is between three and five years; and

WHEREAS: The Muscular Dystrophy Association leads the search for treatments and cures for ALS through its aggressive worldwide research and ALS clinical programs, including the MDA/ALS Center at Emory University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS: In addition to recognizing the critical research underway, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of this devastating disease; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as ALS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and urge all citizens to become educated about ALS and to help combat this disease.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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