



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is a common and serious hereditary disorder that can result in life-threatening liver disease or lung disease in children and adults; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 100,000 Americans have Alpha-1 and an estimated 25 million people in the United States carry at least one deficient gene that causes Alpha-1. Certain carriers may pass this gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS: During the month of November, an awareness campaign will take place in Georgia, and throughout the country, to educate the public on Alpha-1 detection and treatment since it is often difficult to diagnose; and

WHEREAS: It is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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