



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY**

- WHEREAS: Stroke occurs before birth in 1 out of 2,700 births each year and in 12 out of 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and
- WHEREAS: Over half of the children who have a stroke will have serious, long-term neurological disabilities, including hemiplegia, paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, learning and behavioral difficulties and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and
- WHEREAS: The permanent health problems and subsequent treatments stemming from childhood strokes result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and
- WHEREAS: Very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of childhood strokes; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and
- WHEREAS: An early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of childhood strokes greatly improves chances for recovery and prevention of recurrence; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2013, as CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF