



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
CUSHING'S SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS: Cushing's syndrome is caused by the excess production of the steroid hormone cortisol. These relatively rare disorders can be physically and emotionally devastating to the patient; and

WHEREAS: Most patients endure years of symptoms prior to obtaining a diagnosis, and recovery often requires a substantial period of time. Cushing's syndrome may cause weight gain, skin changes and fatigue, and it can lead to such serious conditions as diabetes, high blood pressure, depression and osteoporosis. If untreated, Cushing's syndrome can cause death; and

WHEREAS: Cushing's is a medical disorder where patients can benefit from expert medical care and information. It is also vital to put patients in contact with other patients and to facilitate the sharing of information between those suffering from Cushing's. Many individuals and organizations across the country strive to assist in this process and increase public awareness for this serious disease; and

WHEREAS: A collective effort from patients, experts and families is critical to help increase awareness and educate the public about Cushing's syndrome. These stakeholders are the central resource for information and support, helping to raise and distribute funds and spread the message about Cushing's syndrome research; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2012, as CUSHING'S SYNDROME 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 21st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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