



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LYNCH SYNDROME CANCERS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome affects over 600,000 people in the United States. Less than five percent of these individuals are currently diagnosed; and

WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome is a hereditary predisposition presenting a high lifetime risk of contracting a litany of cancers, including up to an 85 percent lifetime risk of colon cancer, 65 percent lifetime risk of endometrial cancer and higher than average risks of contracting ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and other cancers- often at an early age; and

WHEREAS: Genetic testing and documentation can help doctors treat and diagnose Lynch syndrome;

WHEREAS: Increased public awareness about Lynch Syndrome and more resources to secure genetic testing for this disease will help lower the risks and number of deaths associated with cancer; and

WHEREAS: Lynch Syndrome International is a non-profit organization committed to raising awareness of this condition and advocating for genetic testing to help lower the destructions of this disease; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2012, as LYNCH SYNDROME CANCERS 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF