



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LYNCH SYNDROME CANCERS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome, or hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic, and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS: Geneticists estimate that 800,000 to 1,000,000 people throughout the U.S. have Lynch Syndrome. Studies also show that only five to 10 percent have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their loved ones may be at high risk for hereditary cancers. Furthermore, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and

WHEREAS: Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, leading to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS: On this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Georgia and to encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward detection and prevention; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2016, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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