



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Approximately 2,600 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 450 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: The public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS: Early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS: Due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS: In order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatments of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2016 as MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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