



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, progressive, and disabling disease of the central nervous system and of unknown origin in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be accurately foreseen; and

WHEREAS: With no known cure, this disease not only disrupts a person's abilities and livelihood, but it can also put a great strain on the family and friends of the patient; and

WHEREAS: Last year in Georgia, more than \$2 million was raised to develop treatments for MS and improve the lives of the more than 9,000 Georgians suffering from this disease; and

WHEREAS: This investment is paying off with significant advancements in treating this disease, such as new medications which may reduce or delay future disabilities for people with MS. With early drug therapy and proper healthcare management, disease progression can be slowed, allowing those with MS to live active, rewarding, and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: While research advances have brought us closer to finding a cure, much remains to be done, and it is important to continue providing services to those who live with MS; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Ch. W. R.*

CHIEF OF STAFF