



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK

- WHEREAS: There are currently more than 100,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and osteopathic medical students in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: D.O.s have made tremendous contributions to the American health care system since it was founded by Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O., in 1874. D.O.s have treated U.S. presidents and Olympic athletes, contributed to the fight against AIDS, and served on nationwide health care panels; and
- WHEREAS: D.O.s are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery. They are trained to consider the health of the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat patients; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's 1,103 osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through education and awareness-based efforts as well as by delivering quality health services. The citizens of Georgia recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of Americans, regardless of age, income level, or ethnicity; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2013, as OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF