



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION CRI DU CHAT AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: The good health and well-being of all Georgians is strengthened by our awareness and understanding of the genetic disorder known as 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), which is also known as Cri du Chat Syndrome or Cat Cry Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth include a high pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and potential medical complications. "5p-" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Each year in the U.S. alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with Cri du Chat Syndrome. A child born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous dedicated professionals are involved in valuable research exploring new therapies and diagnostic tools, and this research offers hope to persons with Cri du Chat Syndrome. One of the main goals of Cri Du Chat Awareness Day is to correct any outdated misinformation given to the families of children diagnosed with Cri Du Chat Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Though many cases are undiagnosed, it is estimated that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have a 5p-syndrome such as Cri Du Chat. Increased awareness and advocacy for effective diagnostic screenings will help support the development of improved therapies and other critical treatments; and
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2016, as CRI DU CHAT 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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