



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Dandy-Walker syndrome is the most common congenital malformation of the cerebellum. Between 10,000 and 40,000 people have Dandy-Walker syndrome in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Dandy-Walker syndrome affects at least one case per every 25,000 to 35,000 live births. However, this is likely a significant underestimate because of difficulties diagnosing the syndrome, which may affect as many as one in 5,000 live born infants. Patients with Dandy-Walker syndrome present with developmental delay, enlarged head circumference, or signs and symptoms of hydrocephalus - the excessive accumulation of fluid in the brain; and

WHEREAS: The Dandy-Walker Alliance, Inc. is the only national organization focusing on promoting the public good and supporting education, informational activities and non-partisan research that increases public awareness of the congenital birth defect known as Dandy-Walker syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of this disability and to focus on efforts to improve the lives of those living with Dandy-Walker, as well as to find a cause and better treatment options; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS 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 23rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF