



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: There are 1 in 2,229 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States, and roughly the same number born in Georgia annually; and

WHEREAS: Many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected, including but not limited to failure to thrive or slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS: The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown. As such, patients and their families generally must bear a large share of the burden for many things, including raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like the Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation will join in celebrating a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2015; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2016, as GASTROSCHISIS 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 9th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF