



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Heterotaxy syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement, and presence of internal organs. The exact cause of Heterotaxy syndrome is not known, but the symptoms result from the way that the internal organs turn into position during fetal development; and

WHEREAS: Treatment of Heterotaxy syndrome affects many aspects of the body and often requires a team of many specialists for treatment; and

WHEREAS: Public awareness is low regarding Heterotaxy syndrome, and families often struggle to foster communication between medical providers in different specialties; and

WHEREAS: Mortality rates for Heterotaxy syndrome are high, and those who survive to adulthood find their condition largely unknown to the community at large; and

WHEREAS: Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for the families affected by Heterotaxy syndrome to celebrate life, remember loved ones lost, and honor the dedicated health professionals who support those afflicted; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2016, as HETEROTAXY SYNDROME 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 24th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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