



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Hydrocephalus is a condition in which the primary characteristic is excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, resulting in the abnormal widening of ventricles. This creates harmful pressure on the tissues of the brain and can be fatal if untreated. There is no cure for hydrocephalus; and

WHEREAS: Experts estimate that hydrocephalus affects more than one million Americans, occurs in one and a half of every 1,000 live births, and in an estimated 700,000 older Americans; and

WHEREAS: The only treatment for hydrocephalus requires brain surgery. Hydrocephalus poses risks to both cognitive and physical development and often requires repeated brain surgeries over a lifetime; and

WHEREAS: Hydrocephalus Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of this condition and to focus on efforts to improve the lives of those living with hydrocephalus, as well as to find a cure and better treatment options; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH and September 17, 2016 as HYDROCEPHALUS 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 28th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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