



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION  
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS: Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system that affects at least 2.3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS: In Georgia, there are more than 9,000 people diagnosed with MS. The disease generally strikes people between the ages of 20–50, and causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen. The cause and cure for MS remains unknown; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to creating a world free of MS and heightening public knowledge about the disease; and

WHEREAS: Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of more than 380 research projects globally, totaling nearly \$54 million annually at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout our nation and abroad; and

WHEREAS: Discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Georgians should support; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 7–13, 2016, as MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF