



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION STROKE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and the fourth leading cause of death in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, roughly 795,000 people in the United States have a stroke. About 610,000 of these incidents are first or new strokes, and 185,000 are recurrent strokes; and
- WHEREAS: The efforts of various organizations around our state, including the Georgia Stroke Professional Alliance, have made major contributions to spreading community awareness about the signs and symptoms of stroke and how to respond to this emergency through outreach, education, and screening programs, empowering the community with the lifesaving F.A.S.T. message of early detection as well as the importance of calling 911 and activating the emergency response system; and
- WHEREAS: Stroke Prevention and Community Awareness has become an opportunity to unite all citizens of Georgia in an effort to prevent stroke deaths through increased education and regular health screenings; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2016, as STROKE 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF