BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

# A PROCLAMATION

## WORLD STROKE DAY

WHEREAS: Stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world, the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and the fourth leading cause of death in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Around the world, someone has a stroke approximately every two seconds; and

WHEREAS: Each year, roughly 800,000 people in the United States have a stroke, yet 90 percent of strokes are linked to 10 avoidable risks. More than 600,000 of these incidents are first or new strokes, and 200,000 are recurrent strokes; and

WHEREAS: Georgia recognizes the various organizations around our state, including the Georgia Stroke Professional Alliance, that have made significant contributions to spreading community awareness through outreach, education, and screening programs. Through their efforts, the community is empowered with the lifesaving F.A.S.T. message of early detection, knowledge regarding the importance of calling 911, and prevention information for stroke risk factor modification; and

WHEREAS: Through stroke prevention and community awareness, opportunities are available to unite the citizens of Georgia in an effort to reduce the incidences of stroke deaths; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2018, as WORLD STROKE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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