



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes one's joints to be stiff and crooked at birth. A newborn with arthrogryposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. This condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is a part of many other conditions and syndromes. There are over 400 different types of AMC of which Amyoplasia, Distal Escobar Syndrome is the most common; and
- WHEREAS: A newborn has to have three contracted joints in two different body areas to be diagnosed with arthrogryposis. This occurs in 1 in 3,000 births; and
- WHEREAS: Joints that can be affected by AMC include the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, jaw, and spine. Though all joints can be affected, some may be unaffected as no two people experience the same symptoms; and
- WHEREAS: Though arthrogryposis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals aim to allow those living with the condition as much independence in their daily lives as possible; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2015, as ARTHROGRYPOSIS 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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