

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## **CANCER SURVIVORS MONTH**

WHEREAS:

A "cancer survivor" is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer - from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of one's life; and

WHEREAS:

In 2015, an estimated 1.6 million and 48,070 cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States and Georgia, respectively. These astonishing numbers are a testament to the need for increased access to quality cancer care, screening, and prevention in communities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS:

Organizations in the state, such as the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (CORE), are dedicated to increasing collaboration to offer higher quality, better organized, and more cost-effective cancer care in Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

The great State of Georgia has over 356,000 active, productive cancer survivors. These individuals serve as an inspiration to their fellow citizens and a reminder of the need to continue to bring awareness to this epidemic; now

THEREFORE:

I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2015 as CANCER SURVIVORS MONTH in Georgia with June 7<sup>th</sup> as CANCER SURVIVORS DAY and encourage Georgians to salute all cancer survivors and those who support them.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF