

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: Diabetes is a serious chronic disease that affects more than 20 million children and adults in the United States and is the third leading cause of death from disease in this country; and

WHEREAS: Heart and kidney disease, vascular deterioration, and blindness will affect one in two individuals suffering from diabetes; and

WHEREAS: Diabetics require informed counseling and enlightened support in order to adjust to the mechanics of maintaining a daily regimen of exercise, diet, insulin injections, and medications; and

WHEREAS: The Diabetes Research Institute was formed in 1971 and is a recognized world leader in cure-focused research with goals to educate and inform the public about the seriousness of the disease and to provide family counseling; and

WHEREAS: The Atlanta and North Georgia Building and Construction Trades Council are sponsoring a national fundraising event during the weekend of June 13-15 entitled "Dollars Against Diabetes" (DAD's) Day Weekend; and

WHEREAS: The Diabetes Foundation Research Center has been built and operated from the funding raised through this national endeavor. Last year in Georgia, over \$10,000 were raised during DAD's Day Weekend; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend the participants of

DAD'S DAY WEEKEND.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26^{th} day of March, 2014.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF