



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Dandy-Walker syndrome is a congenital birth defect of the brain estimated to occur in one case per every 2,500 to 5,000 live births; however, this is likely a significant underestimate because of difficulties in diagnosing the syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Patients with Dandy-Walker syndrome present with developmental delay, enlarged head circumference, or signs and symptoms of hydrocephalus – the excessive accumulation of fluid in the brain – causing pain and trauma for those with the disease and their families; and
- WHEREAS: The Dandy-Walker Alliance, Inc. is currently the only national organization dedicated to raising public awareness about this disease through education, informational activities, and non-partisan research; and
- WHEREAS: Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of this disability and to focus on efforts to improve the lives of those living with Dandy-Walker, as well as to find a cause and better treatment options; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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