



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Almost 29.1 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes, 8.1 million of whom are undiagnosed. Sadly, this difficult and chronic condition is the immediate or underlying cause of many deaths throughout the country; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes can cause serious complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, and blindness. Type 1 diabetes, often diagnosed in children, limits insulin production and its causes are not well defined. Type 2 diabetes, which accounts for more than 90 percent of diabetes cases, has been linked to older age and family history, although it is also associated with obesity and inactivity in younger individuals; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million Georgians are estimated to have diabetes, and the total economic cost to our state is in the billions of dollars. Diabetes is one of the leading causes of death in our state, killing over a thousand Georgians per year; and
- WHEREAS: Recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050 if current trends continue; and
- WHEREAS: Our state is committed to improving the health of our citizens, offering assistance and opportunities to achieve a greater level of overall health; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as DIABETES 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 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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