



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder characterized by involuntary muscle contractions, often resulting in painful and debilitating body positions for the patient; and

WHEREAS: Dystonia is a nonterminal disease that can make everyday tasks impossible to achieve; and

WHEREAS: Dystonia affects an estimated 500,000 people in North America, a third of which are children; and

WHEREAS: Numerous organizations, including Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure, are committed to investing the proper resources so that we may find a cure for this non-degenerative disease. Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure is partnering with dystonia advocacy groups in multiple states, including Georgia, to form Team Dystonia, a coalition to increase awareness throughout the nation; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia in order to bring attention to this condition in our state.

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 August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF