



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Endometriosis is a disease in which endometrial tissue releases within the abdominal cavity often causing significant damage to the reproductive system. The tissue can also attach and damage other vital organs in the body; and

WHEREAS: Endometriosis is one of the most common diseases among females, affecting 200 million women worldwide. As such, endometriosis is an urgent women's health crisis that demands support from all levels of government; and

WHEREAS: The average diagnosis takes at least seven years due to lack of education and awareness even within in the medical community. Additionally, the economic impact of patients with endometriosis amounts to almost \$119 billion annually, a staggering cost for those living with this disease and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that we increase awareness and education of endometriosis so diagnosis and treatment can begin at the earliest stage possible, minimizing the devastating effects endometriosis can have on those living with this disease; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2015, as ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and encourage all citizens to increase their knowledge of this important health issue.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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