



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY**

- WHEREAS: There are 1 in 2,229 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States, and roughly the same number born in Georgia annually; and
- WHEREAS: Many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected, including but not limited to failure to thrive or slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and
- WHEREAS: The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown. As such, patients and their families generally must bear a large share of the burden for many things, including raising funds for research; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations like the Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation will join in celebrating a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2014; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2014, as GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
*Chris W. Riley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF