



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GUM DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Gum disease is a common disorder among Americans caused by bacterial growth in the mouth and can lead to a variety of problems ranging from gum inflation to tooth loss due to tissue decay that surrounds the teeth. Mounting university research in Georgia indicates gum disease is also a possible precursor to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, certain cancers, and stillbirths; and
- WHEREAS: Between 74–85 percent of Americans suffer some degree of gum disease but less than half are aware of the problem; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is committed to providing reliable oral health information, including how to prevent and treat gum disease, because protecting and promoting the oral and overall health of the people in our state is in their best interest and, therefore, is a top priority; and
- WHEREAS: Gum Disease Awareness Month supports community health by disseminating important information, including the tips and tools needed to empower citizens to make significant improvements to their health and the health of their families; and
- WHEREAS: It is increasingly critical to educate Georgians about the advanced treatment options that can help them address the symptoms of moderate to severe gum disease and the dangerous consequences of leaving it untreated; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2015 as GUM DISEASE AWARENES MONTH in Georgia so that the citizens of this state may be inspired to take an active role in preventing gum disease with simple tools and habit changes.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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