



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS: Nearly 17,000 Georgians are among the approximately 400,000 Americans who are currently being treated for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), a disease caused by the loss of renal function. The leading causes of ESRD in Georgia include hypertension and diabetes; and

WHEREAS: The only treatment for ESRD is dialysis or kidney transplantation. However, transplantation is limited due to the shortage of donors. The majority of patients undergo regular dialysis treatments. The State of Georgia has over 267 dialysis facilities and three transplant facilities; and

WHEREAS: Nephrology nurses function as educators, direct patient care givers, and coordinators to help patients manage their lives while effectively dealing with health issues. They play a key role in providing kidney disease patients with dialysis and related treatments across the entire country; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that the number of patients with ESRD increases over 8 percent annually. With so many Americans suffering from ESRD, the goal of dedicated health professionals and organizations is to raise national and state awareness and support so that effective education, treatment solutions, and cures can be found; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 4-8, 2014, as KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS EDUCATION WEEK.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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