



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Over one million people in the United States are currently living with or are in remission from a blood cancer such as leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndromes which can affect cells in the blood, bone marrow, spleen, lymph nodes, and other parts of the lymphatic system; and

WHEREAS: Georgia ranks ninth in expected new cases of leukemia and myeloma, and tenth in expected new cases of lymphoma, compared to other states in the country; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) endeavor to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma as well as to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. They advocate for policies that accelerate the approval of new blood cancer treatments and ensure patient access to quality, affordable, and coordinated care; and

WHEREAS: LLS-funded research has led to the discovery and development of lifesaving therapies, including targeted therapies that selectively kill cancer cells and immunotherapies that help a patient's immune system destroy cancer cells; and

WHEREAS: It is important for all citizens of Georgia, as well as the nation, to be aware of all forms of blood cancer, symptoms, treatments, and treatment strategies. The goal of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and other such organizations is a world without blood cancers. Georgia proudly joins in this endeavor; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2014, as LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA 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 19th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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