



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone in the same way, but an umbrella term encompassing more than nine types of muscular and 43 types neuromuscular diseases, which range in severity; and

WHEREAS: All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, ranging from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and swallowing; and

WHEREAS: More than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one form of muscular dystrophy. These diseases can effect anyone, regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS: There are four times as many new clinical trials underway as there were in the 1990s. There are also new drugs expected in the coming years, moving the world closer to a cure for neuromuscular disease; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for families affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2015 as MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley  
CHIEF OF STAFF