



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK

- WHEREAS: There are currently more than 104,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and osteopathic medical students in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: D.O.s have made tremendous contributions to the American health care system since the osteopathic medicine field was founded by Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O., in 1874. D.O.s have treated Olympic athletes and President of the United States, contributed to the fight against AIDS and the fight for civil rights, and served on nationwide health care panels; and
- WHEREAS: D.O.s are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery. They are trained to consider the health of the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat patients; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's 1,650 osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through education and awareness-based efforts as well as by delivering quality health services. The citizens of Georgia recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of Americans, regardless of age, income level, or ethnicity; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2015, as OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK in Georgia and urge all citizens and community organizations to support this observance by helping to educate residents about D.O.s and osteopathic medicine.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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