



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Life is one of the most precious gifts our creator gives to us, and even the shortest of lives should be cherished. Tragically, many pregnancies in Georgia and all across the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby; and

WHEREAS: The mothers and fathers who lose children to such painful circumstances deserve our support and encouragement. The availability of information and support for families who endure pregnancy and infant loss helps them cope; and

WHEREAS: An informed public that is educated about pregnancy and infant loss can better learn to respond with compassion to such tragedies. Professionals who help the families who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can better serve families if they have better knowledge of what causes these deaths; and

WHEREAS: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month affords us an opportunity to offer our prayers and support to all those affected by the loss of a baby or child. We should recognize the grief of these families and do what we can to heal and comfort them during their time of heartache; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF