



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: First discovered in 1803, Syringomyelia, also known as SM, is a rare chronic spinal and neurological progressive disease of the spinal cord. There are two major types of SM: Chiari Malformation which occurs during fetal development and trauma in which symptoms can occur many years later; and

WHEREAS: Syringomyelia occurs when fluid found outside the spinal cord and brain enters the interior spinal cord forming a cavity known as syrinx. Over time, this disorder can cause damage to the spinal cord, neurological issues, severe pain, and serious disabling symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of men, women, and children, as well as canines, throughout the nation have been plagued by the widespread physical symptoms associated with Syringomyelia; and

WHEREAS: There is currently only limited treatment and no cure for patients with this disease as well as a lack of knowledge in the general public and medical community; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that we increase awareness of this disease in order to improve the quality of life for all those who struggle with this debilitating disorder; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as SYRINGOMYELIA 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 30th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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