



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION VASCULITIS MONTH

WHEREAS: Vasculitis is an uncommon, chronic, autoimmune illness characterized by inflammation of the blood vessels in an area of the body. There are 15 types of vasculitis: Behcet's disease, Buerger's disease, central nervous system vasculitis, Churg-Strauss syndrome, cryoglobulinemia, giant cell arteritis, Henoch-Schönlein purpura, hypersensitivity vasculitis, Kawasaki disease, microscopic polyangiitis, polyarteritis nodosa, polymyalgia rheumatica, rheumatoid vasculitis, Takayasu's arteritis, and Wegener's granulomatosis; and

WHEREAS: Vasculitis diseases are rare conditions affecting less than 200,000 people worldwide, and are susceptible to all ages and races. These diseases drastically affect the lives of those who suffer from them and can lead to permanent organ damage and often death if diagnosed too late; and

WHEREAS: The Vasculitis Foundation is a worldwide health support organization dedicated to helping vasculitis patients and their families by alleviating the sense of isolation they feel and working to promote awareness, leading edge treatment, and a cure; and

WHEREAS: The early, correct diagnosis of vasculitis is very important for successful treatment of the disease. Vasculitis Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness in the general public and medical community while highlighting the need for better treatments and research into the cause and cure of all vasculitis diseases; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as VASCULITIS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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