



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

4P- /WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: The health and general well-being of Georgia's citizens is strengthened by greater awareness of the genetic disorders that may affect our loved ones, friends, and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS: Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome, also known as 4p-syndrome, is a rare genetic disorder that affects many parts of the body, though most individuals affected by the condition share symptoms characterized by distinctive facial features; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals with 4p-syndrome may also experience delayed growth and development, intellectual disability, and seizures; and
- WHEREAS: Children with 4p-syndrome are commonly born with low birth weight and develop more slowly, both cognitively and physically, than their peers. They may also experience many medical complications throughout their lives; and
- WHEREAS: Dedicated professionals across the country are involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools, and to offer hope to persons with 4p-syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: A blood sample for a DNA test is all that is needed for a diagnosis. Though many cases are undiagnosed, it is estimated that 4p-syndrome occurs in approximately 1 of every 50,000 live births; and
- WHEREAS: Due to advances in medical technology and community awareness, the diagnosis rates are slowing. However, there is no cure for 4p-syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative to increase public awareness and research of this syndrome in order to better advocate for effective diagnostic screenings, to support the development of improved therapies and other critical treatments, and to improve the quality of life for those affected by the condition; and
- WHEREAS: On 4p- /Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome Awareness Day, the State of Georgia joins individuals and organizations throughout our nation, including the 4p- Support Group, in recognizing the importance of raising awareness of 4p- syndrome. On this day, we also recognize those affected by 4p-syndrome as well as their caregivers; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2018, as 4P-/WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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