



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
ACCESS TO EATING DISORDER CARE
AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Approximately 30 million Americans of all ages suffer from life-threatening eating disorders, many of which will never be diagnosed or adequately treated; and

WHEREAS: Eating disorders include anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorders, or any eating habit that causes emotional or physical distress; and

WHEREAS: Eating disorders can develop in anyone, regardless of age, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, gender, or ability. Nationwide, an individual dies as a direct result of an eating disorder every 62 minutes; and

WHEREAS: Due to stigmas and stereotypes surrounding eating disorders, many affected individuals refrain from seeking the proper support and health care; and

WHEREAS: Without treatment, an estimated 20 percent of eating disorder cases will be fatal. With treatment, that number falls to 2 percent; and

WHEREAS: Organizations including Veritas Collaborative provide services through multidisciplinary care to support and treat those affected by eating disorders; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2018, as ACCESS TO EATING DISORDER CARE 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 20th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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