



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is a common hereditary disorder that may cause lung disease among adults and liver disease among patients of any age; and
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations. Approximately 20 million carriers of the single gene defect in the United States have the potential to pass the gene on to their children; and
- WHEREAS: Initial symptoms of Alpha-1 may include shortness of breath following mild activity, chronic cough, wheezing, and unexplained weight loss, among others; and
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 can be diagnosed through the use of simple blood tests. However, the disorder is undiagnosed and often requires an average of five doctors and seven years from the appearance of initial symptoms before a proper diagnosis is delivered. Fewer than 10 percent of individuals who display symptoms of Alpha-1 will be diagnosed with the disorder; and
- WHEREAS: During Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Awareness Month, the State of Georgia encourages health care providers, patients, and educational institutions to increase awareness of Alpha-1 to improve diagnostic outcomes, expand treatment options, and provide better care and support to those affected by the condition; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY 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 17th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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