



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes one's joints to be stiff and crooked at birth. A newborn with arthrogryposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. This condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is a part of many other conditions and syndromes. There are more than 400 different types of AMC of which Amyoplasia, Distal Escobar Syndrome is the most common; and

WHEREAS: A newborn has to have three contracted joints in two different body areas to be diagnosed with arthrogryposis. This occurs in 1 in 3,000 births; and

WHEREAS: Joints that can be affected by AMC include the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, jaw, and spine. Though all joints can be affected, some may be unaffected as no two people experience the same symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Although arthrogryposis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals aim to allow those living with the condition as much independence in their daily lives as possible; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2017, as ARTHROGRYPOSIS 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 seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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