



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; and
- WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is a part of 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 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: A newborn must have three contracted joints in two different areas of the body to be diagnosed with arthrogryposis. This occurs in approximately 1 in 3,000 births; and
- WHEREAS: Joints that can be affected by AMC include hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, jaw, and spine. Though any joint can be affected, some may be unaffected as no two individuals experience the exact same symptoms; and
- WHEREAS: Although arthrogryposis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals aim to allow those living with the condition with 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, 2018, 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 26th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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