



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DNA DAY

- WHEREAS: In 2003, the 108th United States Congress declared April 25 as National DNA Day to honor the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the double helix as the primary structure of the DNA molecule by James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick; and
- WHEREAS: The International Human Genome Project was completed on April 25, 2003. This research effort, led by the National Human Genome Research Institute, sought to sequence the DNA base pairs of the human genome for the first time and subsequently share this information with the public; and
- WHEREAS: A more innovative and applicable understanding of the human genome is fueling remarkable advances in scientific reasoning and the medical treatment of both common and rare conditions, helping to improve the health and well-being of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Comprehension of the importance of the human genome is important for medical professionals and others to make informed medical decisions, engage in comprehensive dialogue regarding genomic technologies, and participate in the biomedical workforce; and
- WHEREAS: The study of Genomics benefits not only the medical field, but also helps to improve both our nation's food supply and the forensic tools available to solve criminal and missing persons cases; and
- WHEREAS: The technology for sequencing DNA has progressed rapidly with enhanced precision and lower costs, thereby improving the accessibility of knowledge regarding our ancestral origins and the natural world; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout the month of April, the National Human Genome Research Institute and its partners will join in a nationwide public awareness initiative known as the "15 for 15 Celebration" to recognize 15 ways genomics now influences our everyday lives; and
- WHEREAS: Schools, museums, cultural organizations, and other educational institutions are encouraged to recognize DNA Day through activities that generate a greater understanding of the structure of our DNA and the human genome; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2018, as DNA DAY 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 April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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