



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: In the United States, approximately 1 in 2,229 individuals are born with gastroschisis, and roughly the same number ratio appears in Georgia annually; and
- WHEREAS: Gastroschisis is a birth defect of the abdominal wall, where a newborn's intestines are located outside of the body; and
- WHEREAS: Many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions, such as slow growth, short bowel syndrome, long-term feeding issues, and may require multiple organ transplants; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often encounter obstacles, such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in receiving an accurate and timely diagnosis, limited treatment options, and trouble accessing treatment or receiving treatment reimbursement; and
- WHEREAS: Many organizations, such as Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF), are dedicated to raising public awareness of gastroschisis by observing Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2017; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2017, as GASTROSCHISIS 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Ridley*

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