



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WEEK

WHEREAS: An invisible disability is a physical, mental, or neurological condition that limits an individual's movements, senses, or activities, yet the effects may not be visible to others; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that as many as 10 percent of Americans have a medical condition that could be considered an invisible disability; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 96 percent of people who live with chronic medical conditions live with a condition that is invisible; and

WHEREAS: Invisible disabilities may include chronic pain, chronic fatigue, depression, chronic dizziness, and anxiety disorders; and

WHEREAS: School systems, community organizations, and other institutions are implementing policies and regulations to screen students for invisible disabilities so that they may receive early treatment; and

WHEREAS: Organizations, including the Invisible Disabilities Association, work to raise awareness about invisible disabilities, provide resources for those affected, and encourage the community at large to support citizens affected by invisible disabilities; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 15–21, 2018, as INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Ritz*

CHIEF OF STAFF