



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TOURETTE'S SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Tourette's syndrome is a neurological disorder which occurs in early childhood or adolescence before the age of 18 years old. Among children with Tourette's syndrome, 27 percent have been reported as having moderate or severe forms of the condition; and

WHEREAS: Tourette's syndrome is defined by the presence of multiple motor and vocal tics lasting for more than one year. While it is often thought to cause frequent outbursts of obscene language by those afflicted with the disorder, such behavior is only common in fewer than 15 percent of Tourette's sufferers; and

WHEREAS: Tourette's affects over 200,000 people in the United States and is equally likely to occur in all races and ethnic groups, which can have a detrimental impact on learning. Problems in dealing with tics, often combined with attention deficits and other learning difficulties, often call for special education assistance; and

WHEREAS: Georgians should be aware that this disorder impacts many families in our state and country, and Georgians are encouraged to become educated about Tourette's syndrome and to help spread awareness of its effects; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2013 as TOURETTE'S SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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