



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Vitiligo is an autoimmune disorder of unknown causes that is characterized by white patches of skin with a loss of pigment cells from the involved areas; and

WHEREAS: Several diseases have been associated with Vitiligo, including Addison's disease, pernicious anemia, hyperthyroidism, and lupus. No known cure exists for Vitiligo; and

WHEREAS: Many Georgians endure the emotional effects of Vitiligo every day, as well as having to work through health complications, including the vulnerability of discolored skin to certain forms of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of this disorder will enhance the chances of research geared towards development of better therapies and preventative measures for those affected; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as VITILIGO 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF