



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 in the affected 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 the development of better therapies and preventative measures for those affected; and

WHEREAS: During Vitiligo Awareness Month and throughout the year, organizations including the National Vitiligo Bond Inc. Foundation promote awareness campaigns to educate the public, destigmatize vitiligo, and improve the quality of life for those affected by the condition; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2018 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 16th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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