



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: More than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in the United States every year, and one in 285 kids will be diagnosed with cancer by the time they turn 20. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children between infancy and age 15; and

WHEREAS: Each year, hundreds of children in Georgia face the battle against cancer – a battle which impacts parents, grandparents, loved ones, friends, neighbors, and communities. One in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer, and many infants, children, and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS: September has been set aside as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to increase awareness about the issue of childhood cancer, including the need for early detection, prompt treatment, research, and attention to the late term effects of treatment on childhood cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS: Several health care professionals, researchers, private philanthropies, and social support organizations are dedicated to helping children and their families by offering social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial support; and

WHEREAS: These groups are committed to increasing awareness for this cause which will lead to increased knowledge and support for families who have been affected by cancer. We are thankful for all that they do to educate the public about childhood cancer; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as CHILDHOOD CANCER 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 1st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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