



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION THROMBOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Thrombosis is the formation of a blood clot inside a blood vessel, obstructing the flow of blood through the circulatory system. This is potentially fatal condition that can lead to a stroke or other serious medical afflictions; and

WHEREAS: Thrombosis affects more than 600,000 people in the United States and it is estimated that those affected by this condition will develop venous thromboembolism, a formation of blood clots in a deep vein. Of these affected individuals, about 400,000 people develop deep vein thrombosis of the legs; and

WHEREAS: Pulmonary embolism, a serious and potentially fatal complication of deep vein thrombosis, affects at least 200,000 people in the United States annually and, if neglected, there is an increased risk of the clot traveling to the lungs and causing a pulmonary embolism; and

WHEREAS: Through public awareness, the State of Georgia seeks to minimize the frequency of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism among all Georgia citizens and those who visit our great state; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as THROMBOSIS 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 25 day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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