

# gwinnettcounty

## Board of Commissioners



### PROCLAMATION

#### September is Thrombosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, More than 600,000 people in the United States are estimated to develop venous thromboembolism or clots in the veins every year, with about 400,000 of them developing 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

WHEREAS, The mission of the North American Thrombosis Forum is to increase awareness of thrombosis and to conduct research in the area of venous thromboembolism; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Georgia group of volunteers is to work and enhance the mission of NATF by training young volunteers to organize, plan, and handle promotional efforts that increase thrombosis awareness in Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, The Surgeon General has declared that 100,000 to 180,000 Americans die each year due to pulmonary embolism; and

WHEREAS, Through public awareness promoting prompt diagnosis and proper treatment, the frequency of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism among residents of Gwinnett County can be minimized and ultimately save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Charlotte J. Nash, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize the efforts of the North American Thrombosis Forum and the Georgia group of volunteers and proclaim September 2014 as Thrombosis Awareness Month in Gwinnett County.



Chairman, Board of Commissioners  
Gwinnett County, Georgia

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014