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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,

the mission of the North American Thrombosis Forum (NATF) 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, planning and handling promotional efforts to increase thrombosis awareness; and



WHEREAS.

the Surgeon General has declared that 100,000 to 180,000 Americans die each year due to pulmonary embolism, a serious and potentially fatal complication of vein thrombosis; and



WHEREAS,

through public awareness promoting prompt diagnosis and proper treatment, the frequency of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism among citizens of Fulton County can be minimized and ultimately save lives;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the efforts of the North American Thrombosis Forum and The Georgia Group of Volunteers and does hereby proclaim the month of September 2014, as "THROMBOSIS AWARENESS MONTH" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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