



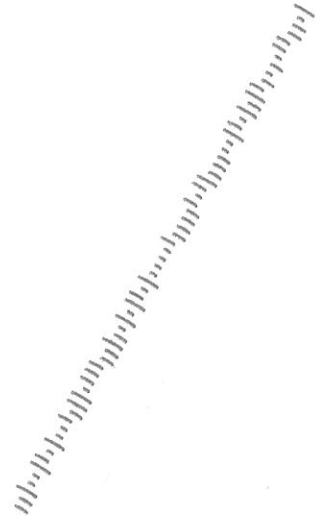
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Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

December 10, 2012

Right Reverend Gregory Karl Davis  
400 North River Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30350

Dear Reverend Davis:

This letter is in response to your Open Records Act request received in this office on December 5, 2012, in which you requested a copy of the September 2012 Pain Awareness Month Proclamation.

Attached is one document which is in the possession of the Office of the Governor and responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Thomas Worthy".

W. Thomas Worthy  
Deputy Executive Counsel

WTW:rbg

Attachment

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## PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Chronic physical pain affects more than 3 million Georgians. Untreated or inadequately treated pain can harm many by diminishing the ability to function, socialize and be productive; and

WHEREAS: Despite financial hardships, limited access to appropriately trained pain specialists, and prescribed pain treatments, medical treatment is often prevented or delayed; and

WHEREAS: Pain also takes an economic toll on our country, costing billions of dollars each year in medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs; and

WHEREAS: Improved pain management education and an effective multi-disciplinary treatment approach can help reduce suffering and remove barriers to pain-free living; and

WHEREAS: A variety of professional and consumer organizations exist in Georgia to advocate for people experiencing pain by increasing awareness and promoting access to appropriate pain treatment for all Georgians; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as PAIN 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.

