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**Proclamation  
By the Gordon County Board of Commissioners  
FLU AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH  
OCTOBER 1-31, 2015**

**WHEREAS, every year approximately up to 20 percent of the population in Georgia gets the flu, and over 200,000 people are hospitalized annually from flu-related complications during flu season, which has been designated by the CDC as October 1 through the end of October; and**

**WHEREAS, influenza can leave many people bed ridden for several days and can cause severe life-threatening complications in people with pre-existing medical conditions, young children, and the elderly; and**

**WHEREAS, these fragile populations are extremely susceptible to the flu and can benefit from a flu shot and proper awareness on how to promote good health during flu season; and**

**WHEREAS, seasonal influenza is caused by the influenza virus and can be spread up to six feet away from an infected person through respiratory droplets in the air from sneezing and coughing; and**

**WHEREAS, it is recommended that the best way to prevent catching the flu is for all individuals six months and older to get a new flu shot every year as the strains of flu virus are constantly changing; and**

**WHEREAS, the observance of Flu Awareness and Prevention Month is intended to educate about ways to protect families from serious life-threatening complications from seasonal influenza this flu season; and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Gordon County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 1-31, 2015 as Flu Awareness and Prevention Month in Gordon County.**

**Signed this sixth day of October, 2015.**

**Becky Hood  
Chairman Gordon County Board of Commissioners**