



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** In the United States, colorectal cancer is third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in men and women. Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every ten minutes, someone dies from colorectal cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** While colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients detect the cancer at an early stage. If the majority of Americans age fifty or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate of this disease could decrease by up to 70 percent; and
- WHEREAS:** African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaskan Natives are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer compared to White Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** Institutions in Georgia, such as Emory Winship Cancer Institute and the Gwinnett Digestive Clinic Endoscopy Center are committed to providing screening, support, and education to colorectal cancer patients and as well as their families and caregivers; and
- WHEREAS:** The observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening. Georgians are encouraged to learn more about this disease, to assist prevention efforts, and to recognize the importance of colorectal screenings; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as COLORECTAL CANCER 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 15th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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