



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined, but there is currently no cure; and
- WHEREAS:** One in twenty men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS:** There are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** If the majority of people in the United States age fifty or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, it is estimated that half of all cases could be prevented entirely; and
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Institutions in Georgia, including Emory Winship Cancer Institute and the Gwinnett Digestive Clinic Endoscopy Center, are committed to providing screening, support, and education to colorectal cancer patients, their families, and their caregivers; and
- WHEREAS:** Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 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 10th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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