



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BLADDER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer in the United States according to the American Cancer Society; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2022, approximately 2,100 new cases of bladder cancer were diagnosed in Georgia, and an estimated 460 people will die from the disease; the 5-year survival rate is 77 percent overall; and
- WHEREAS:** Bladder cancer can occur at any age, but a high percentage of people suffering from the disease are older than 55; and
- WHEREAS:** Smoking and exposure to certain chemicals may increase a person's likelihood of developing bladder cancer, but more research is needed because bladder cancer ranks nineteenth in research spending; and
- WHEREAS:** Because a bladder cancer diagnosis can frequently be delayed due to a lack of awareness of the early symptoms, patients are encouraged to discuss urinary changes or concerns about their urinary systems with their doctors; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as BLADDER 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kipetrich*

CHIEF OF STAFF