



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Colon cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS: Colon cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 1 in 3 eligible Americans are not up to date on screening; and

WHEREAS: Colon cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030; and

WHEREAS: Black Americans are 20 percent more likely to be diagnosed with colon cancer and about 40 percent more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and

WHEREAS: Colon cancer is expected to account for 11 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS: The National Cancer Institute estimates that there could be as many as 4,500 additional colon cancer deaths because of the drop in screening due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: The national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colon cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

WHEREAS: Observing Colon Cancer Awareness Month provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colon cancer; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as COLON 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 24th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B.P.K.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Markus Kilpatrick

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