



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CANCER PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Georgia, with more than 61,000 new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed in Georgia in 2023; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (Georgia CORE) was created in 2003 to address two of the state's most glaring weaknesses in cancer care, a deficit of clinical trials and limited capacity to conduct research, by orchestrating collaboration among community oncologists and academic researchers; and
- WHEREAS:** The state's five Regional Cancer Coalitions (Community Health Works, East Georgia Cancer Coalition, Horizons Community Solutions, Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition) work hand in hand to provide prevention, screening, and care coordination directly to communities throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Public Health, the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, Georgia CORE, the five Regional Cancer Coalitions, and healthcare partners across the state work together to develop the state's five-year Cancer Control Plan to decrease morbidity and increase survivorship; and
- WHEREAS:** Thanks to the State's investment and the collaborative partnerships between these organizations, Georgia is home to more than 645,000 cancer survivors and some of the top cancer centers and cancer research institutions in the world, including a National Cancer Institute-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center; and
- WHEREAS:** February is National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month, when these organizations and other cancer care advocates recognize and redouble their efforts to advance research and implement public education and policy initiatives to stop cancer before it starts; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as CANCER PREVENTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kilpatrick

CHIEF OF STAFF