



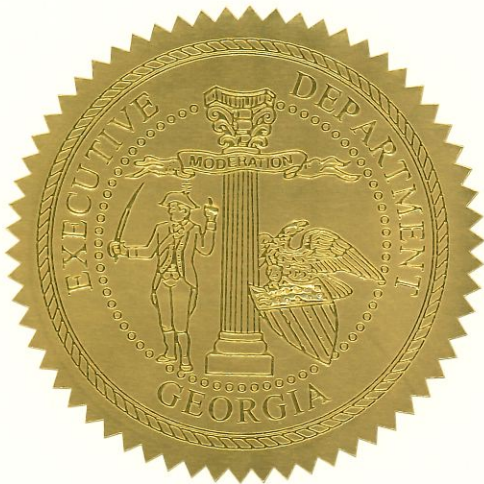
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** In the United States, lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women, and it is the leading cause of death from cancer, and
- WHEREAS:** Lung cancer represents 22% of all cancer deaths in Georgia, claiming the lives of more than 4,000 Georgians each year. Smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer, responsible for approximately 85% of all cases. The best way to reduce the risk of lung cancer is to not smoke and to avoid breathing in other people's smoke; and
- WHEREAS:** Screening tests for lung cancer such as low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) have been proven to significantly reduce lung cancer mortality in those at risk by at least 20%; and
- WHEREAS:** Screening utilization rates remain low at 6%, but increased awareness of the access to prevention and early detection can save lives; and
- WHEREAS:** National and state organizations and coalitions, including the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia Lung Cancer Roundtable, The American Cancer Society, Inc., ACS CAN, the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer, The White Ribbon Project, and the National Lung Cancer Roundtable are collectively expanding awareness of this life-saving screening test; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as LUNG 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 20th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Brandon Kipferich

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