

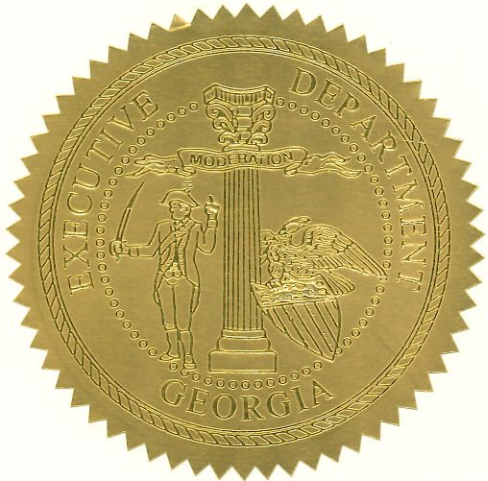
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MYELOPROLIFERATIVE NEOPLASM BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPNs) are a rare set of blood cancers where blood-producing cells construct too many cells or cause formations of fibrosis in the bone marrow. They are often associated with mutations of JAK2, CALR, or MPL genes, and can be categorized into 3 types depending on the line of cells affected: Polycythemia Vera (PV), Essential Thrombocythemia (ET), and Myelofibrosis (PMF); and
- WHEREAS:** MPN's most common shared symptoms are risk of clotting or bleeding, spleen enlargement, fatigue, dizziness, headaches, scar tissue in the bone marrow, and progression to acute leukemia; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 295,000 people in the United States are living with or are in remission from MPNs. From 2013 - 2017 there were 61,572 new cases of MPN throughout the United States. However, the National Center for Health Statistics does not yet recognize MPNs as a cause of death, which leads to difficulty in tracing recorded deaths; and
- WHEREAS:** Observing MPN Awareness Month provides a platform to increase awareness of this disease and support those living with MPNs and their families with the ultimate goal of curing and preventing this disease; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as MYELOPROLIFERATIVE NEOPLASM BLOOD 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 28th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha K. Lister-Jones

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