



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** In both the United States and internationally, pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers; and
- WHEREAS:** When an individual begins to experience the symptoms of pancreatic cancer, it is often already in its most advanced stages, which makes treatment more difficult. Symptoms include anything from weight loss to stomach pains to changes in skin condition. Regular physical exams, imaging test results, and biopsies are all preventative ways of keeping the disease from progressing to later stages; and
- WHEREAS:** Over the last year, the five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer is now 12%, which is a one percentage point increase from the last year. An estimated 64,050 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the year 2023, which is more than any other previous year. In addition to this, approximately 50,550 Americans are expected to die from this disease in 2023; and
- WHEREAS:** The Pancreatic Cancer Action Networks' mission is to take bold actions to improve the lives of everyone impacted by pancreatic cancer by performing scientific research, building communities, sharing knowledge, and acting as patient advocates; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of November is used to empower, educate, and inspire communities across the globe who have been touched by the effects of pancreatic cancer. It is an opportunity to shine a light on this disease, to elevate our voices on raising awareness, and to invite new individuals to join the journey of discovering a cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as PANCREATIC 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF

