

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

APROCLAMATION

LOBULAR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS:

Lobular breast cancer, also known as invasive lobular breast cancer (ILC) is not a "rare" cancer, but is the second most common breast cancer accounting for 15% of all breast cancers and impacting over 46,000 individuals a year in the U.S. and which is more common in women than cancers of the kidney, brain, pancreas, liver or ovaries; and

WHEREAS:

Lobular breast cancer is clinically and molecularly distinct from non-lobular breast cancer, and can metastasize to unusual places, but there has not yet been enough research to know how to treat it differently from non-lobular breast cancer; and

WHEREAS:

The hallmark of lobular breast cancer, the lack of the protein E-cadherin, causes the cancer cells to grow diffusely without forming masses, making them extremely hard to detect on mammograms, especially in women with dense breasts, or elsewhere in the body if metastasized; such that lobular breast cancer is often missed on screening and only diagnosed once tumors are larger than 2cm, and sometimes already metastatic; and

WHEREAS:

Many clinical trials for treatments for breast cancer require that participants have measurable disease, resulting in frequent exclusion of individuals with lobular breast cancer from clinical trials; there have not yet been any clinical trials focusing on finding effective treatment for metastatic lobular breast cancer; and

WHEREAS:

As studies show that lobular breast cancer often recurs later than non-lobular breast cancers, it is critical to raise awareness of the need for more research, and ensure that those diagnosed with lobular breast cancer are aware of the resources and support that are there for them around the world; now

THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 15th, 2025, as LOBULAR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF