

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United

States and in Georgia in 2025, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast

cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 22,794 new lung cancer cases

and 21,830 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed

> tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in

women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and

WHEREAS: Women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never-smokers,

> lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men, more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year and by 2035, it is expected

that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

WHEREAS: Organizations working in the Georgia community, such as the American Lung Cancer

Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer

screening rates in Georgia; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim

November 2025, 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 4th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

ATTEST