



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**

**CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** According to the U.S. Cancer Statistics Working Group, in 2020, 11,542 new cervical cancer cases were diagnosed and 4,272 lives were lost from it; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) report that the five-year survival rate of individuals diagnosed with cervical cancer is 67.2 percent, due to improved treatment, early diagnosis, and vaccinations; and
- WHEREAS:** Cervical cancer incidence rates and death rates are still high among certain populations in the United States, according to NIH, largely due to limited access to cervical cancer screening and vaccinations; and
- WHEREAS:** The results from a simple Pap test and HPV co-test can be used to help prevent cervical cancer or detect cervical cancer in its earliest and most curable stages; and
- WHEREAS:** Patient advocacy organizations like Cervivor, who inspire and empower those affected by cervical cancer by educating and motivating them to use their voices for creating awareness to end stigma, influence decision and change, and end cervical cancer; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2026, as CERVICAL 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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