



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

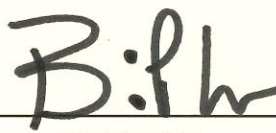
A PROCLAMATION

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a progressive lung disease caused by damage to the airways or parts of the lungs that makes it hard to breathe; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 30 million Americans are affected by COPD, but only 17 million Americans are diagnosed; and
- WHEREAS:** COPD is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and the projected cost attributed to COPD in 2029 is \$60.5 billion; and
- WHEREAS:** While incurable, COPD is both preventable and treatable. Health promotion and education, which inform the public of COPD, play a role in disease prevention; and
- WHEREAS:** COPD Awareness Month is a time to recognize commitment to policy improvements and the individuals with COPD who contribute to our communities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE 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 24th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST


CHIEF OF STAFF