



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) is dedicated to advancing patient care and digestive health through education and advocacy and promoting excellence in gastrointestinal endoscopy; and
- WHEREAS:** CRC is the leading cause of cancer death in men under 50 and the second leading cause of cancer death in women who are under 50 and that there is clear evidence this disease is affecting people at an increasingly young age (i.e., early-onset CRC); and
- WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Society estimates that there were 154,000 new cases and 53,000 deaths from CRC in the United States in 2025; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia and its healthcare partners have a shared goal of reaching CRC screening rates of 80% or higher for all eligible adults in every community; and
- WHEREAS:** ASGE is working with Community Health Care Systems and Horizons Community Solutions on a developmental project that has screened hundreds of uninsured patients in east-central Georgia for CRC and helped those who have had an abnormal CRC test result get a completion colonoscopy at no cost to them; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2026, as COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF