



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 2026, 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 in high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to earlier detection and save lives, reducing mortality by 20% compared to chest x-ray screening in the National Lung Screening Trial, and reducing 10-year mortality by 24% in men and 33% in women in 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 2026, 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 27th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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