



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CANCER AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Georgia, and it disproportionately impacts some of our most vulnerable citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Each day, more than 120 more citizens are diagnosed with cancer, averaging 41,000 new cancer cases every year; and
- WHEREAS:** Lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate cancer account for 51 percent of all deaths by cancer in the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Though cancer burdens Georgians of all backgrounds, cancer incidence and mortality is disproportionately greater in our men, minorities, and medically underserved populations; and
- WHEREAS:** Every Georgian is deserving of access to appropriate cancer screening in order to detect the disease early, ultimately preventing morbidity and premature mortality; and
- WHEREAS:** Over the next five years, through early detection and screening, our state will save at least 1,200 lives from cancer, creating a precedent for improved conditions to allow even more to be saved in the future; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2019 as CANCER AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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