



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LYNCH SYNDROM HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Lynch syndrome, formerly known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, skin, and brain cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** Lynch Syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a number of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age—The risk includes up to 82 percent for colorectal cancer; up to 71 percent risk for endometrial cancer; up to 24 percent risk for ovarian cancer; up to 13 percent risk for gastric cancer, up to 4-10 percent risk for urinary tract cancer and so forth; and
- WHEREAS:** Geneticists have projected that around 1,000,000 persons throughout the U.S. live with Lynch Syndrome, and studies show that only 5-10 percent have been diagnosed, which leaves many persons vulnerable to develop cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** Every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers; and
- WHEREAS:** Every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch Syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and
- WHEREAS:** A positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary, qualifying affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests so that growths, polyps, and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening; and
- WHEREAS:** Having knowledge of a Lynch Syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2019, as LYNCH SYNDROM HEREDITARY 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 21st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Fleming

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