



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America, and the fourth most common tumor diagnosed worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** In the United States, 1 in 9 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime. For men-of African descent, 1 in 6 men will develop the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2019, over 174,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and nearly 32,000 men will die from the disease. One new case occurs every three minutes and a man dies from prostate cancer every 17 minutes; and
- WHEREAS:** A non-smoking man is more likely to develop prostate cancer than he is to develop colon, bladder, melanoma, lymphoma, and kidney cancers combined; and
- WHEREAS:** Prostate cancer is a disease that disproportionately affects African-American males, with incidence rates 1.6 times higher than non-African-American males; and
- WHEREAS:** Prostate cancer is a disease that disproportionately affects all men with a family history of this disease and as they advance in age. Early detection and treatment of prostate cancer can prevent deaths and metastatic spread of prostate cancer in the body and related pain and suffering; and
- WHEREAS:** We join together to raise awareness of prostate cancer in Georgia and to encourage all residents to learn more about this condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward detection and prevention; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2019, as PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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