



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LUNG CANCER SCREENING DAY

- WHEREAS:** According to the American Cancer Society, 235,760 Americans will be newly diagnosed with lung cancer this year, and an estimated 7,250 Georgia residents alone will be diagnosed with the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, with nearly half of cases not detected until it is too late and a survival rate of only 6 percent; and
- WHEREAS:** Any person has a risk of developing lung cancer, as there are many other causes and risk factors aside from smoking, including family history, environmental causes, and other lifestyle factors; and
- WHEREAS:** The screening and early detection of lung cancer are vital to the health and well-being of Georgia residents, as research shows that early detection can decrease lung cancer mortality by 14 to 20 percent among high-risk populations. Only 5.6 percent of high-risk Georgia residents actually receive these potentially life-saving screenings though; and
- WHEREAS:** This year marks the 50th anniversary of the passage the National Cancer Act, yet screening for and education of lung cancer continues to be alarmingly low compared to other forms of cancer. The State of Georgia encourages residents to learn about their risk for lung cancer, talk to their healthcare provider about recommended lung cancer screenings, and be screened as appropriate; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2021 as LUNG CANCER SCREENING DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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