

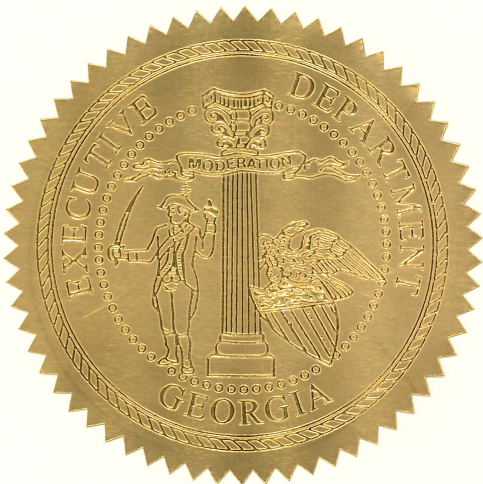
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in the world, and is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women; and
- WHEREAS:** Breast cancer can affect both men and women of any age, but aging women face the most significant threat. Nearly two in every three cases of breast cancer are found in women ages 55 or older; and
- WHEREAS:** While genetics and family history can contribute to a higher risk of developing breast cancer, nearly 85% of breast cancers occur in women who have no family history of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important for women to understand the risk factors and signs of breast cancer, as early detection often results in more treatable cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in 1985 as a week-long campaign sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and extended to the month of October in 1992 with the implementation of the pink ribbon symbol; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of October, the State of Georgia joins patients, survivors, and their families to promote awareness of proper screening habits – such as regular self-examinations and annual mammograms – and research towards improved treatments and an eventual cure of breast cancer altogether; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as BREAST 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 1st day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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