



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month

- WHEREAS:** Gynecological cancer is a leading cause of cancer death among women in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** There is no effective screening test for ovarian cancer, and it often shows no obvious signs or symptoms until late in its development. Cancers diagnosed in late stages can also be controlled with appropriate treatment and palliative care; and
- WHEREAS:** Awareness of ovarian and cervical cancer's risk factors are critically important to implement proven preventive measures that can reduce overall mortality in patients. It is critical for women, physicians, and all healthcare providers to recognize the risk factors and symptoms of cancers and to remember the importance of early detection in preventing and treating this disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Knowledge of symptoms is critically important, such that the earlier ovarian or cervical cancer is diagnosed and treated, the better a patient's chance for a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** The health and well-being of women in our state are enhanced by increased public awareness of cervical and gynecological cancers. With a comprehensive approach to prevent, screen, and treat, we can end cervical cancer as a public health problem within a few generations; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the need for increased awareness of ovarian cancer and encourages both healthcare providers and patients to learn more about the condition, assess individual risk, and take the effective steps to prevent ovarian cancer and promptly seek care when experiencing symptoms; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as GYNECOLOGICAL 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 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Sharon Kipertich

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