



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The health and safety of all Georgians is vital to the well-being of our state's families and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Esophageal cancer is a disease of the esophageal tube that regularly results in death. The disease is three-to-four times more prevalent in men than in women; and
- WHEREAS:** With less than one in five patients surviving the disease, esophageal cancer is among the deadliest forms of cancer. It is also one of the fastest-growing cancer diagnoses in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Esophageal cancer can be a silent killer, as many patients are unaware that the heartburn, difficulty swallowing, cough, hoarse voice, sore throat, and chest pain that they are experiencing are reasons to be screened for the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Esophageal cancer is often discovered during advanced stages, but it can be prevented through early detection. If discovered early, chances for recovery and survival are far better; and
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that all Georgians are aware of esophageal cancer, its symptoms, and the value in early detection. Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to raise awareness for the disease and advocate for additional funding for research; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as ESOPHAGEAL 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 8th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF