



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** In the United States, lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women, and it is the leading cause of death from cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** Lung cancer represents 29 percent of all cancer deaths in Georgia, claiming the lives of nearly 5,000 Georgians each year; and
- WHEREAS:** The only recommended screening test for lung cancer is low-dose computed tomography (LDCT), and it has been proven to significantly reduce lung cancer mortality in those at risk by at least 20 percent. This screening is recommended by the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force, and it is covered by Medicare; and
- WHEREAS:** Screening Centers of Excellence provide responsible, high quality LDCT screening for early detection of lung cancer. Currently, there are thirty-two centers in our state that provide Georgians with access to responsible screening care and treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Screening utilization rates remain low at 3.9 percent, but increased awareness of the access to prevention and early detection can save lives; and
- WHEREAS:** National and state organizations and coalitions, including the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia Lung Cancer Roundtable, the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer, and the National Lung Cancer Roundtable are collectively expanding awareness of this life-saving screening test; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as LUNG 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 18th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Terry K. Fleming

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