



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
COLORECTAL CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Colorectal cancer is the third most frequently diagnosed form of cancer and the second highest cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer every three minutes, and every ten minutes, someone dies from the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that the mortality rate of colorectal cancer could decrease by as much as 70 percent if a majority of adults over the age of 50 were regularly screened for the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Colorectal cancer is a potentially terminal disease that can be prevented and treated in many cases where early screening and prevention methods are used. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of early screening and detection; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations like Georgia Colon Cancer Roundtable 80 by 18 and Emory Winship Cancer Institute are committed to providing support to colorectal cancer patients and their families, increasing awareness of the disease, and furthering research efforts for a potential cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Georgians should take advantage of opportunities to assist in prevention efforts and educate themselves about the disease, its risk factors, symptoms, screening and treatment options; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as COLORECTAL 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 13th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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