

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women, killing more than breast cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer, liver cancer, kidney cancer and melanoma combined. Lung cancer causes 30% of all cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS: 70% of new lung cancer cases are diagnosed at a late stage, when the 5-year survivability rate is only 15%. An estimated 164,000 Americans will die from lung cancer this year alone; and

WHEREAS: In Georgia alone, an estimated 4,800 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year, while 4,550 people will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: If diagnosed in the early stages, the chance of long-term survival is as high as 85%, but unfortunately early detection is rare. Education, support and research are needed to raise awareness of the disease and improve diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia cares deeply about the health of all its citizens. It is important that we work together to eradicate the harmful and often fatal effects of lung cancer on patients and their families; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2005, as LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand five.