



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 3-7, 2018

Cancer Screen Week

An estimated 60,650 Californians will die from cancer this year, according to the American Cancer Society. In the United States, the National Cancer Institute estimates that from 18,000 to 210,000 cancer deaths could be avoided with prevention and early detection.

While screening increases the chances of catching certain cancers early – when they are most likely to be treated successfully – the rates of cancer screening for many cancer types in recommended populations remain too low, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

During Cancer Screen Week, the State of California joins communities across the nation to increase awareness of the benefits of detecting cancer early and the importance of discussing individual risk factors for cancer with a health care provider.

I encourage Californians to visit CancerScreenWeek.org to find cancer screening resources and to talk to their health care providers about their risk factors and screening options for all cancer types.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.