

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, kidneys are the organs in the body that filter blood, balance fluids, make red blood cells, and control blood pressure; chronic kidney disease is a diagnosis that means that an individual's kidneys are not working to adequately complete these functions; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 adults in the United States is at high risk for chronic kidney disease; major risk factors include diabetes, high blood pressure, and family history of kidney failure, and risk increases after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, there are 5 stages of chronic kidney disease – stage 5 patients need dialysis or transplant to stay alive; for people in earlier stages (1 – 4), there are treatments to stop kidney disease from worsening; and


WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease often has no symptoms, and can go undetected until very advanced; however, a simple urine test can tell if a patient has kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, regular screenings are critical because early detection and treatment can slow or prevent the progression of chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to raise awareness of the risks of kidney disease, and to support the individuals and their families living with chronic kidney disease in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as “**CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.