



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome, also known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, and other types of cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to cancer at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that Lynch syndrome incidence rates are approximately 1 in 370 individuals, meaning that more than 800,000 people in the United States are affected by this condition; however, Lynch syndrome is severely underdiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and

**WHEREAS**, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer patient should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and

**WHEREAS**, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary or familial, qualifying affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests so that growths, polyps, and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before they become life threatening; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing awareness of Lynch syndrome can improve cancer prevention by encouraging people to undergo regular screening measures that promote early detection and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Hereditary Lynch Syndrome Cancer Awareness Day provides an opportunity to learn more about this hereditary condition and to encourage all North Carolinians to learn and use their family history to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2018, as “**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 twentieth 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.