



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as many as 12 percent of women in the United States, or 1 in 8 women, who live to be 35 will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime; breast cancer is the second most common form of cancer found in women in the United States and the second leading cause of cancer death for women; and

WHEREAS, although this disease affects all races and socioeconomic classes, African American women with breast cancer have a higher mortality rate than other women with breast cancer, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer, or Stage IV breast cancer, is the period in which cancer cells spread from the breast and metastasize in other parts of the body, commonly the lung, liver, bones, and brain; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6-10 percent of newly diagnosed breast cancer cases are diagnosed as metastatic breast cancer, and it is estimated that 30 percent of early stage breast cancer cases will become metastatic or recurrent advanced cases; and

WHEREAS, women with metastatic breast cancer have a poorer prognosis and lower five-year survival rate than women with early stage breast cancer; diagnosis of this disease in women under the age of 40 increased by 2 percent each year from 1976 to 2009; and

WHEREAS, despite the mortality rates associated with metastatic breast cancer, the median amount of funding spent on metastasis research constitutes only 5 percent of total breast cancer research spending; and

WHEREAS, being aware of the information, support, treatments, and coping methods available can help those living with metastatic breast cancer, as well as their family and friends, through a potentially overwhelming and very difficult time; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to promote awareness of metastatic breast cancer prevention and early detection, and provide support for those in our communities affected by this devastating disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as **"METASTATIC BREAST CANCER 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 twenty-sixth day of April 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.