



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CURING STOMACH CANCER MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, stomach cancer is the 5th most common cancer worldwide, and the 15th leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, of the estimated 28,000 new cases of stomach cancer in the United States in 2017, an estimated 10,960 will die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, patients diagnosed with stomach cancer at Stage IV have a 4 percent survival rate, and the overall 5-year survival rate of people with stomach cancer in the United States is 30 percent; stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 95,700 people are currently living with stomach cancer in the United States; 1 in 111 men and women will be diagnosed with stomach cancer in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, age, diet, and stomach disease can affect the risk of developing stomach cancer, which is most frequently diagnosed among people aged 65 – 74; however, the rate of stomach cancer in some young adults aged 25 – 39 has increased significantly since 1977; and

WHEREAS, because the symptoms of gastric cancer can easily be confused with other conditions, stomach cancer is often misdiagnosed, or diagnosed in a late stage; like most cancers, the stage at diagnosis affects the chance of recovery and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all citizens to be aware of the dangers and prevalence of stomach cancer, and to increase awareness and education among our communities about this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as “**CURING STOMACH CANCER 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-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.