



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States; an estimated 1,551 North Carolinians will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year, and an estimated 1,348 will die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is seldom detected in its early stages, as symptoms often do not occur until the disease is advanced; more than 47 percent of North Carolina's pancreatic cancer diagnoses are distant stage, meaning the cancer has spread beyond regional lymph nodes, tissues, or organs; and

WHEREAS, 91 percent of patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within five years of the diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the risk of developing pancreatic cancer rises as people age – most patients are older than 45 years, and the average age of diagnosis is 71; other factors that can increase the risk of pancreatic cancer are smoking, obesity, certain genetic syndromes, pancreatitis, and liver or stomach disease; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of North Carolina are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research of early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity for organizations and health practitioners in North Carolina to promote awareness, expand access to resources, and advocate for those who are affected by this disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to support those and their families currently battling pancreatic cancer, and commemorate the loved ones we have lost to this horrible disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "PANCREATIC 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 third day of November 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.