



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,470 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and an estimated 460 men will die each year from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and survival; and

WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are fighting this often-overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 15 – 21, 2017, as “Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week”; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina supports increased public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer to improve the rates of early detection and prompt treatment, and encourages citizens to observe this week with appropriate activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and promoting awareness of male breast cancer will help facilitate earlier detection, improve chances of successful treatment, and save lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15 – 21, 2017, as “**MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 ninth 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.