

State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, a part of 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 cancers; and

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age, including up to 82 percent for colorectal cancer; up to 71 percent risk for endometrial cancer; up to 24 percent for ovarian cancer; up to 13 percent for gastric cancer; and up to 4-10 percent for urinary tract cancer; and

WHEREAS, geneticists have projected that up to 1,000,000 persons throughout the U.S. live with Lynch syndrome, including one in every 370 persons, and studies show that only 5-10 percent have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome, which leaves up to 100,000 persons vulnerable to developing cancer; and

WHEREAS, knowing and sharing family history with physicians can help determine if a patient is at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and

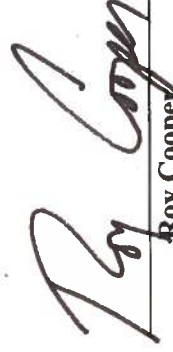
WHEREAS, newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer patients should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and

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

WHEREAS, a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2017, as “**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




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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 February 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.