



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States, with a lifetime risk of 4.84 percent for men and 4.49 percent for women; and

WHEREAS, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable has established a goal of 80 percent by 2018 for Americans ages 50 and older to be screened; and regular colorectal cancer screening has been ranked as one of the most cost effective screening interventions available, with the potential to save 40,000 lives each year; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate of individuals who have colorectal cancer is 90 percent when detected in the early stages versus only a 10 percent survival rate when colorectal cancer is diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, 1,693 North Carolina residents are expected to die of colorectal cancer and 4,602 new cases are estimated to be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, only 40 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, colorectal cancer affects people in all racial and ethnic groups and is most often found in people age 50 and older; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of the colorectal cancer, include cramping or abdominal pain, weakness and fatigue, unintended weight loss and changes in bowel habits; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable and greater awareness could save lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes Colorectal Cancer Awareness and encourages increased awareness about the importance of early detection and screening;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2017, as “**COLORECTAL 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-fourth day of March 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.