

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

ADRENAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, adrenal cortical carcinoma (also known as ACC or adrenal cancer) is an extremely rare cancer that affects approximately 1-2 per million people; many doctors and oncologists never see a case of ACC in their lifetime, and this lack of visibility in the medical community results in significant delays in diagnosis and treatment of the disease; and

WHEREAS, ACC is an aggressive cancer with a high recurrence rate and very poor prognosis; there is only one FDA approved medication to delay the progression of the disease, which is only effective in an estimated 30 percent of patients; and

WHEREAS, while some cancers continue to advance in their funding, research, and health care options, ACC treatment has not seen a breakthrough in approximately 50 years; because there is so little awareness of the disease, it does not receive the funding needed for significant research; and

WHEREAS, adrenal cancer treatment can be disabling and result in social isolation, stress, and financial hardship for those affected and their families; the scarcity of available resources can put extreme demands upon very sick patients, including those in North Carolina who often must travel far for treatment; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of ACC can help promote early diagnosis and treatment, increase access and availability of appropriate medical care, garner attention within the medical community, increase funding for research, and foster support for individuals and families coping with this disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to support and advocate for those and their families affected by adrenal cancer in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as "ADRENAL 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-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.