



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 12 percent of women born today in the United States—one in eight women—who live to be 35 will be diagnosed with breast cancer, which is the second most common form and the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes; yet, among women with breast cancer, African American women are on average 40 percent more likely to die of the disease, and for Hispanic women, breast cancer is disproportionately the leading cause of cancer-related death; and

WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer, also known as Stage IV breast cancer, is the period in which cancer cells spread from the breast and metastasize in other parts of the body—commonly the lung, liver, bones, and brain; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5 percent of new breast cancer cases are diagnosed as metastatic breast cancer, and an estimated 30 percent of early stage breast cancer cases will become metastatic or recurrent advanced cases; and,

WHEREAS, women with metastatic breast cancer have a poorer prognosis and lower five-year survival rate than women with early stage breast cancer, and diagnosis of this disease in women under the age of 40 has increased by 2 percent each year thereby increasing the need to spread awareness and education on its prevention and early detection; and

WHEREAS, despite the mortality rates associated with metastatic breast cancer, the median amount of funding spent on metastasis research constitutes only 5 percent of total cancer research spending; and,

WHEREAS, being aware of the information, support, treatments, and coping methods available can help those living with the disease, as well as friends and family members, through a potentially overwhelming and difficult time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, do hereby proclaim April, 2017, as “**METASTATIC BREAST 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 thirty-first 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.