

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, blood cancers are cancers of the blood, bone marrow, or lymph nodes that affect normal blood cell production or function; the three main types are leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, about 175,000 people in the United States will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma, accounting for 10 percent of new cancer cases; and

WHEREAS, among blood cancers, acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is a fast-growing disease that is primarily diagnosed in older people, and progresses quickly if not treated; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, almost 22,000 new cases of AML were diagnosed in the United States; 5-year survival rates among patients with AML are 27 percent for patients over age 55 at diagnosis, and just 5 percent for patients over age 65 at diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, blood cancers are the third most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States, and an estimated more than 1.3 million people are either living with, or in remission from, leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma; and

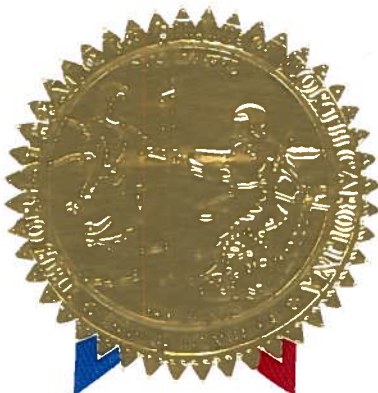
WHEREAS, for many patients, a bone marrow transplant is the best chance of survival, and while 30 percent of patients can find a matching donor in their families, 70 percent – or nearly 12,000 people each year – must rely on a benevolent stranger to step up and donate; and

WHEREAS, September 15 is World Marrow Donor Day, celebrating the 32 million people worldwide who have registered as a volunteer to help any patient in need of a transplant; and

WHEREAS, Blood Cancer Awareness Month throughout September is an opportunity to increase awareness of blood cancers, including AML, and improve the diagnosis, care, and treatment of these diseases; concerned individuals can also learn more about the life-saving process of becoming a bone marrow donor; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to learn about the prevalence, symptoms, and treatment options of blood cancers, and advocate support for those and their families in our communities who are affected by these diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as “**BLOOD 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 eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.