

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, esophageal cancer is one of the fastest growing cancer diagnoses in the United States; the American Cancer Society estimates 17,650 new cases and 16,080 deaths from esophageal cancer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, esophageal cancer is among the deadliest cancers with fewer than 1 in 5 patients surviving 5 years; and

WHEREAS, despite its rapid increase and poor prognosis, esophageal cancer receives very little research funding; the National Cancer Institute Funded Research Portfolio shows esophageal cancer distribution at less than 1 percent of total cancer funding; and


WHEREAS, esophageal cancer can be a silent killer with patients often unaware that the heartburn, difficulty swallowing, cough, hoarse voice, sore throat, or chest pain that they suffer can be indicators for this disease; all of these symptoms are reasons to discuss screening for esophageal cancer with a health care professional; and

WHEREAS, esophageal cancer is often discovered during advanced stages but if discovered early, chances for recovery and survival are far better; treatments for the disease include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and laser therapy; and

WHEREAS, during Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month, the State of North Carolina encourages people to raise awareness of this disease, know the symptoms, and promote early detection and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as “**ESOPHAGEAL 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.