



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that affects more than 13,000 women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 410 women diagnosed with cervical cancer in North Carolina, and 128 died from the disease; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are an effective way to detect the disease early, allowing for early diagnosis and treatment which can significantly increase a woman's chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, vaccines for human papillomavirus (HPV) are now widely available; combined with regular screenings, they provide an effective means of preventing cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of cervical cancer prevention and detection among patients and health care providers alike is a key component in safe-guarding women's health; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages organizations, healthcare practitioners, and individuals to promote awareness about cervical cancer and to support patients currently battling cervical cancer and those who have lost loved ones to this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2019, as "**CERVICAL HEALTH 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 third day of January 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.