



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in North Carolina and the United States; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer takes the lives of more North Carolinians each year than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and kidney cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 8,490 people in North Carolina will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2018, and 5,770 are expected to die from the disease this year; and

WHEREAS, regardless of smoking history, a person's chance of developing lung cancer is about 1 in 15 for men and 1 in 17 for women; men and women who smoke are 25 times more likely to develop lung cancer than non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute, the 5-year survival rate for all people with all types of lung cancer is less than 19 percent; and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist, but have not yet been embraced as the standard of care; and

WHEREAS, reports suggest that funding for lung cancer research falls short of that for other less-fatal diseases; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all North Carolinians commit to learn more about lung cancer and work to make lung cancer education a public health priority in our communities; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing Lung Cancer Awareness Month, the State of North Carolina demonstrates a dedication to patient support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2018, as "**LUNG 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-sixth day of October 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.