



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 9 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime, and more than 2.9 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, it is estimated that more than 7,500 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than 1,000 men will die of prostate cancer in 2018; and

WHEREAS, African-American men are disproportionately affected, with a prostate cancer incidence rate almost 60 percent higher and mortality rate two to three times greater than Caucasian men; and

WHEREAS, education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies are critical to saving lives and preserving and protecting quality of life; and

WHEREAS, regular screenings as recommended by a physician; improved awareness of prostate cancer risks; and continued medical research and advances can improve outcomes and support for those and their families affected by prostate cancer as well as treatment-related side effects and complications resulting from this disease; and

WHEREAS, individuals diagnosed with prostate cancer can speak with their health care providers to learn more about the disease, find support groups and services in their community or online, and determine treatment that considers a quality of life balance with their unique diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to become informed about cancer detection and to raise awareness, promote resources, and advocate support for men and their families affected by this disease in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as “**PROSTATE 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.