



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## **PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

### **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, pulmonary fibrosis is a serious disease that creates scarring (fibrosis) in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients, causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and

**WHEREAS**, pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often leading to a diminished quality of life, disability, and/or death within a few short years; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), which is a type of pulmonary fibrosis with no identifiable cause; and

**WHEREAS**, because pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed, increased awareness is imperative to improve the rate of detection and immediate treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation and other organizations work to unify patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and the public by providing and sharing the latest information about advancements as well as work still to be done within the global pulmonary fibrosis community; and

**WHEREAS**, Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month is an opportunity to improve disease education, advocate research funding, and foster collaboration among those affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including those living with the disease, caregivers, the medical and research community, and the pharmaceutical industry;

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