

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a brain tumor is a collection, or mass, of abnormal cells in the brain that can be cancerous (malignant) or noncancerous (benign); when brain tumors grow, they can cause the pressure inside the skull to increase which can cause brain damage, and can be life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors are categorized as primary or secondary; a primary brain tumor originates in the brain and many receive a benign diagnosis; a secondary brain tumor occurs when cancer cells spread to the brain from another part of the body, such as the lungs or breast; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 87,000 Americans of every age, race, socio-economic status, and gender will receive a primary brain tumor diagnosis in 2020; and

WHEREAS, malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer with a 35% five-year relative survival rate and are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children and adolescents under the age of 20; and

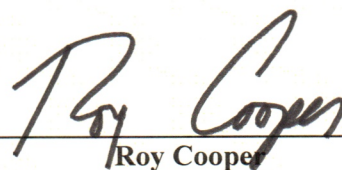
WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 3,090 people in North Carolina will be diagnosed with a brain tumor and more than 492 will die from a brain tumor in 2020; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to major facilities, such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, and others that focus on research to find better treatments, a cure for brain tumors and a higher quality of life for brain tumor patients; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for targeted research, as well as education about the impact brain tumors have on patients' and their families' lives are critical for support and action for a cure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2020, as "**BRAIN TUMOR 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 seventh day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.