



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CURING STOMACH CANCER MONTH**

**2019**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, stomach cancer is the 5<sup>th</sup> most common cancer worldwide and the 15<sup>th</sup> most common in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 27,510 new cases of stomach cancer in the United States in 2019, and that 11,140 people are expected to die from the disease this year; and

**WHEREAS**, stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest 5-year survival rates; and

**WHEREAS**, patients diagnosed with stomach cancer at Stage IV have a 4 percent survival rate, and the overall 5-year survival rate of people with stomach cancer in the United States is 31 percent; stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged for the past 30 years, and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 95,000 people in the United States are currently living with stomach cancer; according to the American Cancer Society, a man's risk of developing stomach cancer in his lifetime is approximately 1 in 95, while a woman's risk is 1 in 154; and

**WHEREAS**, age, diet, and stomach disease can affect the risk of developing stomach cancer, which is most frequently diagnosed among people aged 65 – 74; however, the rate of stomach cancer in some young adults aged 25 – 39 has increased significantly since 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, because its symptoms can easily be confused with other conditions, stomach cancer is often misdiagnosed or diagnosed in a late stage; like most cancers, the stage at diagnosis affects the chance of recovery and treatment options; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to learn about the dangers and prevalence of stomach cancer, and to increase awareness and education of this disease in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2019, as “**CURING STOMACH CANCER 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 thirty-first day of October 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-fourth.