



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2019

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, it is estimated that more than 8,000 North Carolinians will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2019; 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, 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, 2019, 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 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.