

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**2020**

**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, and liver cancers combined, according to the American Cancer Society; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 8,470 people in North Carolina will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2020, and 5,020 are expected to die from the disease this year; 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 15 to 30 times more likely to develop lung cancer or die from 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

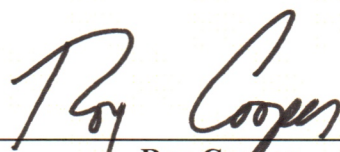
**WHEREAS**, reports suggest that funding for lung cancer research falls short of that for other less-fatal diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all North Carolinians commit to learn more about lung cancer and work to make lung cancer education a public health priority in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by recognizing Lung Cancer Awareness Month, the State of North Carolina demonstrates its 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, 2020, as "**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**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 fifth day of November 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-fifth.