



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome, formerly known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, skin, and brain cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome is among the most common hereditary cancer syndromes; increasing predisposition to cancer at a higher lifetime risk and often at an early onset age; and

**WHEREAS**, estimates suggest as many as 1 in every 300 people may be carriers of an alteration in a gene associated with Lynch syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary, qualifying affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests so that growths, polyps, and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before they become life threatening; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness of Lynch syndrome can improve cancer prevention by encouraging people to undergo regular screening measures that can lead to earlier detection and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Awareness Day provides an opportunity to increase awareness and understanding of this condition and to encourage all North Carolinians to learn and use their family history to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2020 as “LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY” 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 ninth day of March 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.