



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, kidneys are the bodily organs that filter blood, balance fluids, contribute to the production of red blood cells, and control blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease is the progressive, gradual loss of kidney function, which results in a decrease in the kidneys' ability to remove waste from the body; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 adults in the United States is at high risk for chronic kidney disease; major risk factors include diabetes, high blood pressure, and family history of kidney failure and risk increases after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States; approximately 30 million adults in the US have Chronic Kidney Disease, and of those, 26 million remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, there are five stages of chronic kidney disease – stage 5 patients need dialysis or transplant to remain alive; for those in earlier stages (1 – 4), there are treatments to stop kidney disease from worsening; and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease often has no symptoms, and can go undetected until very advanced; and

WHEREAS, regular screenings are critical steps for early detection and treatment in order to slow or prevent the progression of chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people and organizations across our state to raise awareness of the risks of kidney disease, and to support the individuals and their families living with chronic kidney disease in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2020, as "NATIONAL KIDNEY 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 twentieth day of February 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.