



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, necrotizing fasciitis is a serious bacterial skin infection that spreads quickly and kills the body's soft tissue; accurate diagnosis, prompt antibiotic treatment, and surgery are important in stopping this infection as it can be deadly in a very short amount of time; and

**WHEREAS**, necrotizing fasciitis is an uncommon clinical disease, but has attracted a high profile within popular media where it is often referred to as the flesh-eating bug or virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Staphylococcus aureus*, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of healthy individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, in rare occasions, the infection can also occur following minor injuries to the skin from falls, cuts, or tears; and

**WHEREAS**, necrotizing fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension; and

**WHEREAS**, while progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, there is still much to learn about necrotizing fasciitis; with increased research, the goals of discovering the cause, improving treatment, and finding a cure are attainable;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2021, as "NECROTIZING FASCIITIS 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 twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.