

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, pulmonary fibrosis is a serious disease that creates scarring (fibrosis) in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and

**WHEREAS**, pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing diminished quality of life, disability, and/or death within a few short years; and

**WHEREAS**, in some cases, the causes of pulmonary fibrosis can be linked to many different factors, including long-term exposure to certain toxins, certain medical conditions, radiation therapy, and some medications; however, sometimes there is no identified cause of pulmonary fibrosis, referred to as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF); about 200,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by IPF; and

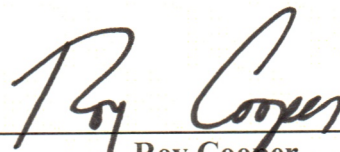
**WHEREAS**, pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed, and a need has been identified to increase wide-ranging awareness and detection of this imperceptible disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to raise awareness and fund research, works to foster conversations and collaboration between everyone affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including those living with the disease, caregivers, the medical and research community, and the pharmaceutical industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages residents, organizations, and the medical community to recognize and support those suffering from this terrible disease, and offers a commitment to ensure that we never forget those affected;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2020, as “**PULMONARY FIBROSIS 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 eighteenth day of August 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.