



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, more than 12,187 women in North Carolina can expect to be diagnosed with breast cancer, and over 1,562 likely will die from this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina women have a 1 in 8 lifetime risk of developing breast cancer, which is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States, and which impacts Black women at a higher rate than white women; and

**WHEREAS**, disparities such as income, education, access to health care, along with stress and racism, are among causes of poor health among minorities on many health measures, leading to a greater need for screening and early detection of breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up to eligible uninsured or underinsured women; and

**WHEREAS**, with routine mammogram screening and follow-up testing, the disease can be detected early when it can be most effectively treated and save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, being aware of the health information, education, treatment, and support methods available can help individuals find and receive the appropriate care and resources they need to improve their quality of life;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2023, as “**BREAST CANCER 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 second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.