



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, January is recognized nationally as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, an observance that promotes education about cervical cancer causes, screenings and treatments; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, an estimated 430 women were diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer, 120 women died of cervical cancer in 2021, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 14,480 cases of invasive cervical cancer were diagnosed nationwide in 2021, minority women are diagnosed with cervical cancer at higher rates than white women; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP) provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings, and follow-up to eligible uninsured or underinsured women; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are an effective way to detect the disease early, allowing for early diagnosis and treatment which significantly increase a woman's chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, in the past 40 years, the number of cases and deaths from cervical cancer has decreased significantly, due in part to the development of the Human Papillomavirus vaccination; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of prevention and detection methods among patients and health care providers is a key component in safe-guarding cervical health; with HPV vaccination, as well as routine screening and follow-up, cervical cancer is highly preventable; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages organizations, health care practitioners and all people to promote awareness about cervical cancer for preventative measures, to support patients currently battling cervical cancer, and support those who have lost loved ones to this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2022, as "CERVICAL CANCER 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 thirtieth day of December 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-sixth.