

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in North Carolina, 409 women were diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and 126 women died of cervical cancer in 2022, according to estimates from the State Center for Health Statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States; Hispanic women have the highest rates of developing cervical cancer, and Black women have the highest rates of dying from cervical cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, it is likely that factors such as income, education, access to health care, stress, and racism contribute significantly to the poorer health of racial and ethnic minorities, leading to a greater need for screening and early detection; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP) 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

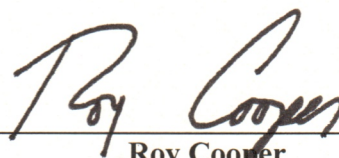
**WHEREAS**, regular cervical cancer screening tests are an effective way to detect the disease early, allowing for early diagnosis and treatment which can significantly increase a woman's chance of survival; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness of detection and prevention techniques 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 recognizes Cervical Cancer Awareness and encourages all residents to recognize that cervical cancer is treatable, and that routine screening and HPV vaccinations can save lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2023, 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 fifth day of January 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-seventh.