



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in North Carolina and the United States; it is estimated that 4,760 people in North Carolina were diagnosed and 1,630 died from colorectal cancer in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, colorectal cancer affects men and women of all racial and ethnic groups, and the risk for developing colorectal cancer increases as one ages, especially for individuals aged 45 years or older; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer particularly impacts historically marginalized populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, with African Americans having the highest incidence and mortality rates; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, 51.6 percent of people diagnosed with colorectal cancer from 2015 - 2019 were surviving by the end of 2020; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is often preventable, treatable, and beatable and greater screening awareness could save lives; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity for organizations and health practitioners in North Carolina to promote awareness of screening, increase access to screenings, and advocate for those who are affected by and survivors of colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages individuals to discuss family medical history with their health care provider, live a healthy lifestyle, and get screened as recommended by their doctor to decrease risk of colorectal cancer and to increase survivorship rates; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to support individuals affected by colorectal cancer during treatment, care, and survivorship and remember the loved ones we have lost to this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2023, as “**COLORECTAL 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 twenty-third day of February 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.