

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CURING STOMACH CANCER MONTH**

**2022**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest five-year survival rates and one of the leading causes of cancer-related death; and

**WHEREAS**, of 27,600 new cases diagnosed a year in the United States, more than 11,000 will die in the first year following diagnosis; it is estimated that more than 116,525 people are currently living with stomach cancer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, patients diagnosed with stomach cancer at Stage IV have a 4 percent survival rate, and the overall five-year survival rate of people with stomach cancer in the United States is 31 percent; stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged for the past 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, age, diet, and stomach disease can affect one's risk of developing stomach cancer, which is most frequently diagnosed among people ages 65 – 74; still, the rate of stomach cancer in some young adults ages 25 – 39 has increased significantly since 1977; and


**WHEREAS**, because its symptoms, including loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal pain, heartburn, nausea, and vomiting, can easily be confused with other conditions, stomach cancer may often be misdiagnosed or not diagnosed until a late stage, and like most cancers, the stage at diagnosis affects the chances of recovery and treatment options; and

**WHEREAS**, through treatment, it is possible to relieve symptoms and improve quality of life, and, if operable, surgery can cure stomach cancer as long as all cancerous tissue can be removed; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages its people to be aware of the risk factors, dangers, prevalence, signs, and symptoms of stomach cancer so that proper treatment and care can be sought through early detection and diagnosis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2022, as “**CURING STOMACH CANCER 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 thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.