



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORSHIP MONTH**

**2023**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, a cancer survivor is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer, from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life; and

**WHEREAS**, according to data from the North Carolina Central Cancer Registry, the overall five-year relative survival rate for all cancers in North Carolinians from 2015 to 2019 was 64.4 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, this relative survival rate is slightly lower than the 65.6 percent overall five-year relative survival rate for all cancers from 2013 to 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Comprehensive Cancer Control Program's coalition provides an annual NC Cancer Survivorship Summit that brings together cancer survivors, cancer patients, and caregivers to share their experiences; learn the latest cancer treatments, research, and psychosocial issues; learn self-advocacy skills; and empower survivors throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer survivors and their families exhibit courage, faith, and strength to undergo the emotional, physical, and financial burdens associated with their disease; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer survivors are encouraged to create a survivorship care plan to record their cancer and treatment history, health checkups or follow-up tests needed in the future, possible long-term effects of treatments, as well as ideas for staying healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages residents and health care providers to learn how they can support cancer survivors during all stages of cancer survivorship and offer care, support, and palliative services during their unexpected cancer journey;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2023, as "**NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORSHIP 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 eighth day of June 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.