

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORSHIP MONTH

2025

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 the NC Central Cancer Registry data, the five-year relative survival rate for all cancers in North Carolinians from 2017 to 2021 was 65.7 percent; the relative survival rate was slightly higher for all cancers from 2016 to 2020, which was 65 percent; and

WHEREAS, the first Sunday in June is National Cancer Survivors Day - a day to celebrate those who have survived, encourage those recently diagnosed, gather families for support, and reach out to the community; 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 their treatments, as well as ideas for staying healthy; and

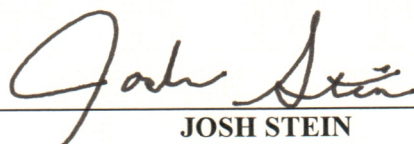
WHEREAS, the North Carolina Comprehensive Cancer Program provides cancer survivorship trainings, resources, and tools to health care providers as well as cancer survivors and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, rural communities encounter unique challenges, including greater distances and limited access to health care. The courage and resilience demonstrated by rural communities in confronting cancer serves as a beacon of hope for us all; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2025, as "**NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORSHIP MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




JOSH STEIN
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 twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.