

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States and causes more deaths than any other gynecologic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about 1 in 78; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates 19,680 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2024, and 12,740 individuals will die from the disease nationwide; and

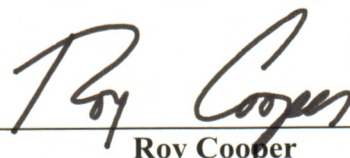
**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics projects that in 2024, there will be 610 new ovarian cancer cases in our state and 441 deaths from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is 50 percent, and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no effective diagnostic tool for screening and early detection; increased public awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer will enhance chances of early detection and increase survival rates;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2024, as "**OVARIAN 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 August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.