



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated 1,551 North Carolinians are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 1,348 die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, ranking as the fourth-leading cause of cancer death in both North Carolina and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, up to 30-percent of cases of pancreatic cancer are thought to be preventable; and

WHEREAS, chronic pancreatitis, often linked to long-term alcohol consumption, smoking, and repeat incidents of acute pancreatitis, increases the risk of pancreatic cancer by 2 to 3 times that of the general population; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no therapeutic cure for pancreatitis or pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Durham-based medical and pharmaceutical researchers, including Lamassu Pharma, LLC, are currently developing a viable therapeutic treatment for acute pancreatitis that could save hundreds of thousands of lives by reducing the risk for developing pancreatic cancer via pancreatitis; and

WHEREAS, the health and wellbeing of the residents of North Carolina are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness of pancreatic cancer, and the work being done to prevent and treat the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2021, as "PANCREATIC 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-seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.