

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, at least 1.7 million adults in the United States develop sepsis, and at least 270,000 die from the condition – the body's extreme response to an infection; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, sepsis accounted for more than 1,600 deaths in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, young children and the elderly experience the greatest number of sepsis-related deaths, and sepsis kills more Americans than prostate cancer, breast cancer, and opioid overdoses combined, and is the most expensive cause of hospitalization in the United States; and

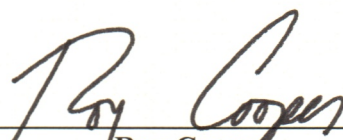
WHEREAS, viral sepsis is the most common complication in severe COVID-19, emphasizing the importance of infection prevention and sepsis awareness to public health; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that fewer than 15 percent of adults in the United States can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, sepsis can be treated with immediate diagnosis and care, but must be treated as a medical emergency, as it contributes to tissue damage and organ failure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2022, as “**SEPSIS 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 thirty-first day of August 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-eighth.