

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is currently the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, surpassing breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, an estimated 64,050 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 50,550 people will die from the disease; in North Carolina, an estimated 2,020 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 1,630 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer has a five-year relative survival rate of just 12.5 percent; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages; only 10 percent of pancreatic cancer patients are diagnosed when the disease is confined to their pancreas, and 91 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, there is no standard diagnostic tool or established early detection for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of pancreatic cancer is of the utmost importance since it is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death across the world; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of North Carolina are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms and risks of pancreatic cancer, and collaborative research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2023, as "**WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY**" 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 sixteenth day of November 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-eighth.