

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, blood cancers are cancers of the blood, bone marrow, or lymph nodes that affect normal blood cell production or function; the three main types are leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics projects that in 2025, there will be 6,058 new blood cancer cases in our state and 2,041 deaths from the diseases, equating to the deaths of 34 percent of those diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, blood cancers are among the top eight most common causes of cancer deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, an estimated more than 1.5 million people are either living with or are in remission from leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma; and

WHEREAS, for many patients a bone marrow transplant is the best chance of survival, and while 30 percent of patients can find a matching donor in their families, 70 percent of people each year must rely on a benevolent stranger to step up and donate; and

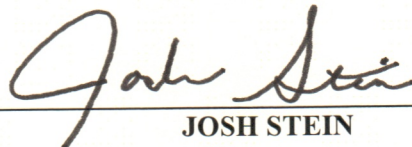
WHEREAS, September 20 is World Marrow Donor Day, celebrating the 43 million people worldwide who have registered to volunteer to help any patient in need of a transplant; and

WHEREAS, Blood Cancer Awareness Month throughout September is an opportunity to increase awareness of blood cancers and improve the diagnosis, care, and treatment of these diseases; concerned people can also learn more about the life-saving process of becoming a blood marrow donor; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to learn about the prevalence, symptoms, and treatment options for blood cancers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as **"BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS 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 eighth day of September 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.