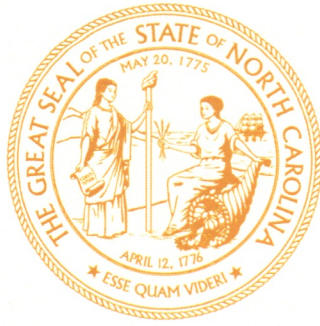




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer, yet in 2026 more than 13,600 women in North Carolina have been or will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 1,630 likely will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, women have a one-in-eight lifetime risk of developing breast cancer, which is the second-leading cause of cancer death for women in North Carolina and which impacts Black women at a higher rate than it impacts white women; and

WHEREAS, disparities such as income, education, access to health care, and chronic stress are among causes of poor health among minorities on many health measures, leading to a greater need for screening and early detection of breast cancer; and

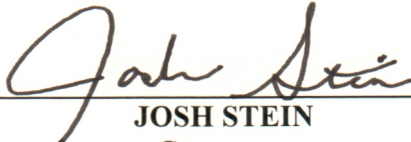
WHEREAS, the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP) in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up to eligible uninsured or underinsured women; and

WHEREAS, with routine mammogram screening and follow-up testing, the disease can be detected early when it can be most effectively treated and save lives; and

WHEREAS, being aware of the health information, education, treatment, and support methods available can help individuals find and receive the appropriate care and resources they need to improve their quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as “**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance.




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 twenty-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.