



State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cancer is the second-leading cause of death in North Carolina with 20,927 cancer-related deaths recorded in 2023 and 78,483 new cancer cases diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, cancer registrars, also known as Oncology Data Specialists, are data information specialists who capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in North Carolina and the United States; and

WHEREAS, information gathered and curated by Oncology Data Specialists in North Carolina is reported by law to the North Carolina Central Cancer Registry and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Program of Cancer Registries to assess the cancer burden throughout North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, curated data provides essential information to researchers, health care providers, and public health officials to conduct research; better monitor cancer incidence; advance cancer treatments, cancer prevention, and early detection; measure outcomes; and improve survivorship; and

WHEREAS, Oncology Data Specialists are at the heart of our state's cancer surveillance system, curating the data that informs cancer research and public health program planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 6 – 10, 2026, as “**CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



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 seventeenth day of March 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 fiftieth.