

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 110,890 new cases of gynecologic cancer (including cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar cancers) will be diagnosed in the United States this year, and there will be about 34,630 deaths from these diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about one in 78, and it is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths of women in the United States, causing more deaths than any other gynecologic cancer; and

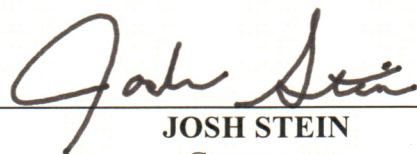
**WHEREAS**, gynecologic cancer affects women of all backgrounds and ages; and cervical cancer has screening tests (pap smears) that allow for early detection and treatment; however, generally because of a lack of early symptoms and effective screening tests, many gynecologic cancers are often not detected in time for successful interventions, making it essential that women learn to recognize the symptoms, including unusual vaginal bleeding, and consult with a gynecologist if symptoms are present and persistent; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of gynecologic cancer will enhance chances of early detection and increase survival rates; and

**WHEREAS**, impacted women are more than a statistic: they are mothers, sisters, daughters, wives, aunts, grandmothers, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and we commit to advocacy of gynecologic cancer awareness, we lend our support to those living with these diseases, and we remember the women who have lost their lives to gynecologic cancer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as "**GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**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-first day of August 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.