



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under the age of 15 in the United States; 60 percent of childhood cancers are diagnosed before age five, and one in 285 children in this country will have a cancer diagnosis by the time he or she reaches 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on average there has been a 0.6 percent increase per year since the mid-1970s in childhood cancer occurrences, for an overall increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years; 43 children per day, or 15,780 children a year, are diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting, chronic conditions as a result of the treatments they go through in their youth; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region; and

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer research is vastly underfunded; the National Cancer Institute gives less than 4 percent of its funding to all pediatric cancers, of which there are more than 16 types and hundreds of subtypes; and

WHEREAS, founded by parents who have faced this challenge, and joined by a community of families and survivors, the American Childhood Cancer Organization (ACCO) is the largest national, grassroots organization standing at the forefront of the battle against childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the ACCO, and all other concerned organizations, agencies, businesses, and individuals, in raising awareness of childhood cancer this September to increase understanding and support in our communities for those affected and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2017, as "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" 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 fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.