



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH**

**AND**

**NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS DAY**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, necrotizing fasciitis is a serious bacterial skin infection that spreads quickly and kills the body's soft tissue; accurate diagnosis, prompt antibiotic treatment, and surgery are important in stopping this infection as it can be deadly in a very short amount of time; and

**WHEREAS**, necrotizing fasciitis is an uncommon clinical disease, but has attracted a high profile within popular media where it is often referred to as the flesh-eating bug or virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of healthy individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, necrotizing fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension; and

**WHEREAS**, while progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, there is still much to learn about necrotizing fasciitis; with increased research, the goals of discovering the cause, improving treatment, and finding a cure are attainable;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as "**NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH**" and May 31, 2018, as "**NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend 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 twenty-sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.