

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

**NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH AND
NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS DAY**

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, necrotizing fasciitis was first described as “a disease of unknown cause” within medical literature in 1883 by Jean Alfred Fournier; and

WHEREAS, this uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin attracts a high profile within popular media where it is often referred to as the “flesh eating bug/virus;” and

WHEREAS, the most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A beta-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, although sometimes there are precipitating factors, necrotizing fasciitis can occur in any age group; 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, in rare occasions, this disease may occur following minor injuries to the skin—falls, cuts, or tears; more commonly, it is difficult to detect and can occur in apparently healthy individuals; and

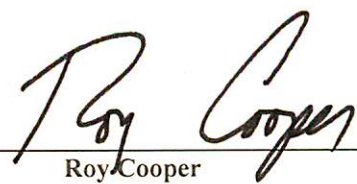
WHEREAS, necrotizing fasciitis can affect any part of the body but most commonly involves the abdomen, arms, legs, extremities, and face (particularly around the eyes); and

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

WHEREAS, much remains to be done in raising public awareness of necrotizing fasciitis to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, and increased research to benefit survivors and those who have lost their battle to this disease in North Carolina, the United States, and all over the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as “**NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH**” and May 31, 2017, 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-seventh day of April 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.