State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the State of New York pays tribute to the resilience of the individuals and families whose lives are impacted by appendiceal cancer, colloquially known as appendix cancer, and stands in unwavering solidarity with all who confront the physical, emotional, and financial challenges of this rare malady with exceptional fortitude and grace; and

Whereas, it is solemnly recognized that the reported incidence of appendiceal malignancies has reached approximately 19 cases per million individuals annually across the United States, with a significant and concerning increase among individuals under 50 years of age; and

Whereas, clinical assessments have long established that despite the location of the appendix in the lower gastrointestinal tract, appendiceal pathologies are inherently, biologically, and genetically distinct from standard colorectal carcinomas; and

Whereas, while the nascent stages of this disease are traditionally stealthy and ambiguous, the development of standardized diagnostic metrics offers newfound promise for shedding light on these hidden symptoms and protecting patient health; and

Whereas, diagnostic delays or frequent misdiagnoses often lead to a definitive diagnosis of this insidious illness at a late, metastatic stage, which renders subsequent medical treatments exponentially more complex and formidable; and

Whereas, therapeutic interventions for appendix cancer depend entirely upon the specific pathological type and stage at diagnosis, demanding diverse courses of care that include surgery and chemotherapy, and underscoring the vital, life-saving imperative of early detection; and

Whereas, New York State commends the tireless devotion of the patients, survivors, caregivers, medical professionals, and advocacy networks across our neighborhoods and the nation, who stand steadfastly united in their critical mission to raise public awareness, advance medical research, and improve clinical outcomes for those facing this elusive disease;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim August 2026, as

APPENDIX CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirty-first day of August in the year two thousand twenty-six.

Kathy Hochul

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh