

## Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer Curing Stomach Cancer Month Proclamation

Whereas, Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families and caregivers, while pursuing the ultimate goal of making the cure for stomach cancer a reality ; and

Whereas, stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest five-year survival rates; and

Whereas, out of 26,240 new cases diagnosed a year in the United States, 10,800 will die in the first year of diagnosis; and

Whereas, most stomach cancers are diagnosed at stage IV which only has a 5% five year survival rate; and

Whereas, in the United States it is estimated that more than 95,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and

Whereas, stomach cancer has increased in young adults ages 25 to 39 by 70 percent since 1977; and

Whereas, overall survival rate for stomach cancer is 31 percent; stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and

Whereas, stomach cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer related death;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, <u>Name of Governor</u>, Governor of the State of <u>State</u>, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November as Curing Stomach Cancer Month for the State of <u>State name</u>.



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