



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Fabry disease is a progressive, destructive inherited disorder that causes children and adults to suffer many symptoms that diminish their quality of life, and involves potentially life-threatening complications such as strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

**WHEREAS**, Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that results in buildup of lipids in the body, causing cell and organ damage; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an approved treatment available for Fabry disease but, because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people suffer without treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, Fabry disease is inherited in an X-linked pattern, historically estimated to occur in about 1 in 40,000 to 60,000 males; as many as twice this number of females may be affected, but with more varied symptoms than males with the classic form of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, screening programs for newborns reveal that many more babies are born with Fabry disease than the historical estimate indicates; and

**WHEREAS**, health care providers and families should be aware of the many Fabry disease symptoms and if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people in our communities to learn about Fabry disease and assess their family risk;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2018, as the "FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-ninth day of March 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.