



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, schizoaffective disorder is a chronic mental health condition characterized primarily by symptoms of schizophrenia, such as hallucinations or delusions, and symptoms of a mood disorder, such as mania or depression, resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to communicate and develop appropriate interactive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, schizoaffective disorder affects not only the diagnosed individual but the entire family and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no identified cause or cure for schizoaffective disorder, there is hope for recovery through medication, outreach, training, and consultation; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offer resources and support to people with schizoaffective disorder and their families; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to become educated about schizoaffective disorder and to support those affected and their families in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2018, as "**SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its 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-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.