



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the term muscular dystrophy (MD) does not refer to a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way; instead, it is an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, beginning with mild muscle weakness and advancing to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS, more than one million individuals in the United States are currently living with a disease that causes muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be affected by muscular dystrophy regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, research has recently yielded four new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases, providing treatment for more diseases than has been available in the previous five-decade fight against neuromuscular diseases; and


WHEREAS, raising public awareness of muscular dystrophy will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as increase funding critical to providing services and supporting families of those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about MD, and garner support for issues important to the muscular dystrophy community; and

WHEREAS, advocates of muscular dystrophy awareness are encouraged to “Light It Up Green for MD” by lighting cities, state capitols, and landmarks in lime green throughout the month of August to show their support for this cause;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2017, as “MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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-eighth day of July 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.