



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that robs people of physical strength by affecting the motor nerve cells in the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, the result is that SMA impedes one's ability to walk; swallow; and, in the most severe cases, ability to breathe; and

WHEREAS, SMA affects approximately 1 in 11,000 babies, and about 1 in every 50 Americans is a genetic carrier; SMA can affect any race or gender; and

WHEREAS, SMA patients are classified into four types based on milestones achieved at the onset of the disease—Types I and II are the most prevalent; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month provides an opportunity to help raise awareness and promote research into this devastating disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2017, as “**SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of August 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.