



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis is a chronic digestive motility illness that affects more than five million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis is a paralysis of the stomach which causes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss, and overwhelming fatigue; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no known cure for gastroparesis, and few effective treatment options or medications are available for digestive motility illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the severity of gastroparesis and digestive motility disorders requires many people to depend on liquid diets, feeding tubes, and/or intravenous fluids for daily nutrition and hydration; and

**WHEREAS**, Gastroparesis Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote research, improved medications, and additional treatment options to provide hope for a better future for those affected by this illness and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina supports increased public awareness of the devastating effects of gastroparesis to improve the lives of those living with this condition and contribute to the overall quality of public health;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2018, as “**GASTROPARESIS 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-fourth day of July 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.