



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

**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 50 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases that range 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**, it is estimated that more than one million individuals in the United States are affected by a muscular disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, MD affects people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, research has yielded new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases: Duchenne muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy, myasthenia gravis, and Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS); and

**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness of muscular dystrophy will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as increase funding for support and services for 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 MD awareness are encouraged to Light It Up Green for MD by lighting cities, landmarks, and buildings in lime green throughout August to show their support for this cause;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2018, as "**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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.