



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 2,229 Americans, and 1 in 2,273 North Carolinians, are born with gastroschisis each year; and

**WHEREAS**, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions, including but not limited to: failure to thrive/slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding problems; these issues have a significant impact on the lives of those with gastroschisis, as well as their families and caretakers; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, and limited or inaccessible treatment options; and

**WHEREAS**, because the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, patients and their families take on much of the fundraising efforts for research to better understand, diagnose, and treat the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the hundreds of North Carolinians affected by gastroschisis will benefit from raised awareness, which will increase funding for research and other avenues of support from their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina commends Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) for organizing a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day, and encourages citizens to recognize July 30<sup>th</sup> in honor and in memory of all people affected by this disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2017, as "GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY" 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 fourteenth 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.