



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CLEFT AND CRANIOFACIAL AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, orofacial clefts are the most frequently occurring birth defects in the United States, affecting about 1 in 700 infants per year; and

WHEREAS, infants born with clefts and other craniofacial conditions usually require surgery as well as special feeding support, dental and orthodontic care, and speech therapy as they grow; and

WHEREAS, these complex services need to be provided in a synchronized manner over a period of years and are best provided by interdisciplinary cleft and craniofacial teams; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Cleft-Palate Craniofacial Association serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professionals who care for them, helping these infants get a healthy start to life by providing their families with comprehensive information, support, and connections to these interdisciplinary teams; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize the efforts of organizations and families working to ensure a better life for those affected by cleft lip/palate or other craniofacial conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2018, as “**CLEFT AND CRANIOFACIAL 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-sixth day of June 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.