



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, aphasia is a communication impairment caused by injury to the brain, typically a result of stroke; and

WHEREAS, aphasia can also occur with other neurological disorders such as a brain tumor, traumatic brain injury, or progressive disease; and

WHEREAS, many people with aphasia also present with weakness or paralysis on the right side of the body, due to damage to the left hemisphere of the brain; and

WHEREAS, the effects of aphasia may include a loss or reduction in the ability to access language needed to speak, comprehend, read, and write, while intelligence remains intact; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 750,000 people suffer a stroke in the United States each year, with approximately one-third of these resulting in aphasia; and

WHEREAS, stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world, the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and the third leading cause of death in North Carolina; many stroke survivors live with serious, long-term disability; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to increase awareness, advocate resources, and provide support for those and their families in our communities living with aphasia due to stroke or other neurological disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2018, as “**APHASIA 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 first 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.