



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes joint contractures in newborns, meaning their joints are stiff and crooked and lack the normal range of motion; this condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita is an umbrella diagnosis, which encompasses many conditions and syndromes; there are more than 400 different types of AMC, including distal arthrogryposis such as Escobar syndrome, and amyoplasia which is the most common; and

WHEREAS, a newborn with multiple contractures that affect at least two different areas of the body may be diagnosed with arthrogryposis; this is a rare disorder occurring in 1 out of every 3,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, joints that can be affected by AMC include the joints in the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, and toes, as well as the jaw and spine; while all these joints can be affected, some may not be affected as no two people experience the same symptoms; and

WHEREAS, while there is no known cure for arthrogryposis, the condition is treatable; treatment goals aim to allow those living with the condition as much independence in their daily lives as possible; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to increase awareness and understanding of AMC, and to support individuals and families in our communities who are affected by this disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2018, as “**ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY**” 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-fifth 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.