



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, debilitating, non-contagious, inflammatory skin condition for which there is no known cure; and

**WHEREAS**, HS causes open wounds that do not readily heal and may lead to significant scarring, disfigurement, reduced range of motion and chronic pain; and

**WHEREAS**, when all stages of the disease are considered, it is estimated that between 1 and 4 percent of the world's population is affected by HS, and experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, patients with HS often endure a severely diminished quality of life; understanding and compassion for those with HS from family, friends, medical providers, and the public at large is vital; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to two medical facilities with HS clinics and physicians who are recognized specialists in HS: University of North Carolina Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center in Chapel Hill and Duke Dermatology Clinic in Durham; and

**WHEREAS**, Hope for HS is a support group for patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa, their loved ones, and caregivers that provides advocacy and community for people in North Carolina affected by this condition, including through meetings in the Triangle area; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, promote education and support, recognize the struggles of those affected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 4 – 10, 2018, as “**HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 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.