



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder, often referred to as a Tic Disorder, which is characterized by repetitive, involuntary motor and vocal tics; and

WHEREAS, many co-occurring conditions are prevalent along with TS, such as Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), anxiety, learning disabilities, and depression; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 200,000 Americans have the most severe form of TS, and as many as one in 100 exhibit milder and less complex symptoms such as chronic motor or vocal tics; and

WHEREAS, while school-age children in North Carolina dealing with TS are treated with medication under the care of knowledgeable doctors, greater awareness can speed the development of a standard treatment and, ultimately, a cure for this disorder; and

WHEREAS, increased education and awareness of best practices to identify, counsel, and treat patients with TS will help to correct the misconception that it is a behavior or conduct disorder, and thereby prevent misdiagnosis; and

WHEREAS, broadening public and professional knowledge of TS can lead to more acceptance and better quality of life for children and families dealing with this disorder; and

WHEREAS, the TSA Greater Carolina Tourette Syndrome Support Group and other resources specifically assists North Carolinians by providing support to those with TS and their families; educating teachers, families, and the community on the facts of TS; and working to generate awareness in the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages public acceptance, understanding, and compassion to dismantle the stigma related to Tourette Syndrome symptoms, ensuring that those with TS and Tic Disorders will have no barrier to achieving their full personal and professional potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2018, as **"TOURETTE SYNDROME 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 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.