



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH AND TRISOMY 9 AWARENESS DAY**

**2018**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, trisomy is a condition characterized by the presence of an additional chromosome to the normal diploid number, which causes developmental abnormalities in a person; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common autosomal abnormalities among newborns are Down syndrome (trisomy 21), Edwards syndrome (trisomy 18), and Patau syndrome (trisomy 13); and

**WHEREAS**, Trisomy 9 Mosaicism syndrome is a rare chromosomal disorder in which the entire 9<sup>th</sup> chromosome appears three times in some cells, while others have the normal chromosomal pair; common features of trisomy 9 are physical and mental growth deficiencies, congenital heart defects, and/or craniofacial abnormalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the life of every child is precious, regardless of his or her chromosomal makeup; and

**WHEREAS**, parents should take advantage of local support groups and online communities that offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing a trisomy pregnancy or raising a child with a trisomy condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina commends the members of our communities who are working to raise awareness and education for all forms of trisomy, support families experiencing trisomy, and enable people with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as “**TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH**” and March 9, 2018, as “**TRISOMY 9 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 second day of March 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.