

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, over 125,000 Americans are living with NF, and 1 in every 3,000 births is diagnosed; however, this disorder is still relatively unknown to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, NF affects all populations equally regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender; and

**WHEREAS**, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and

**WHEREAS**, this disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process through a number of consortia; and


**WHEREAS**, the Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient healthcare through its national NF Clinic Network; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and

**WHEREAS**, much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as "NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 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 twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.