



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, first diagnosed in the United States in 1910, sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder which causes both physical and economic hardship, and can be fatal in some cases; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 6,000 North Carolinians suffer from this disease, and over 200,000 carry the genetic cell trait; and

WHEREAS, estimates suggest that one in every 500 African-Americans, and one in every 1,000 Hispanics, inherit sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, treatments help those with sickle cell disease live productive lives while scientific efforts continue in search of a cure; and

WHEREAS, since 1973, the North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program has assisted residents diagnosed with sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, implementation of services requires close cooperation between agencies, health care providers, regional and community partners, and the State Laboratory of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, ongoing support for research regarding the treatment and management of sickle cell disease can facilitate advancements in the quality of care available to people in our communities affected by this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2017, as "**SICKLE CELL 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 fifth day of September 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.