



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hydrocephalus is a condition in which excessive cerebrospinal fluid accumulates in the brain causing an abnormal widening of the ventricles; there is no known cure, and this harmful pressure on the tissues of the brain can be fatal if untreated; and

WHEREAS, the two primary types of this condition are congenital hydrocephalus, which is present at birth, and may be caused by genetic abnormalities or events that occur during fetal development; and acquired hydrocephalus, which can develop at the time of birth or any age, and may be caused by injury or disease; and

WHEREAS, two other forms of hydrocephalus which primarily affect adults are ex-vacuo, which occurs when a stroke or traumatic injury causes damage to the brain; and normal pressure hydrocephalus, which is most common among older adults and often occurs with no known cause; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that hydrocephalus affects more than one million Americans, or 1.5 of every 1,000 live births, and approximately 700,000 older Americans; and

WHEREAS, the only treatment for hydrocephalus is brain surgery, in which a shunt system is inserted to divert the flow of cerebrospinal fluid to another area of the body where it can be absorbed and circulated; and

WHEREAS, hydrocephalus poses risks to both cognitive and physical development, and often requires multiple surgeries throughout one's lifetime; however, children diagnosed with the disorder benefit from early education, intervention programs, and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the United States Congress passed a resolution designating September as National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the Hydrocephalus Association, and all other concerned organizations, businesses, agencies, and individuals, in raising public awareness of this condition to increase understanding and support for those and their families affected by hydrocephalus in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as **"HYDROCEPHALUS 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 seventh day of September 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.