

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD), considered a rare disease, is known to cause weakness and wasting in proximal muscles, which are those closest to the body – specifically in the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 30 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS, LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups; affects both males and females; and can begin to show symptoms in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a progressive, serious, and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, research is ongoing, and important advances are being made in understanding the genetic causes for the disease; however, there is still no known cure or treatment; and

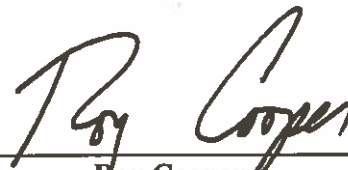
WHEREAS, while the public is familiar with some rare diseases, such as ALS, and sympathetic to those affected, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and

WHEREAS, a global collaborative of LGMD-focused foundations, and individuals living with LGMD, have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to join patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and researchers across our state in supporting those with LGMD and their families, today and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2017, as “**LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 eighteenth 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.