



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

2018

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, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, it is estimated that more than 90,000 people in our state have sickle cell trait or a related hemoglobin trait; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is more common in certain ethnic groups; the American Society of Hematology and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that 1 in 12 African Americans carries a sickle cell gene, and sickle cell trait occurs in 7 out of every 1,000 births of Hispanic people; and

WHEREAS, treatments help those with sickle cell disease live productive lives while scientific efforts continue to search for 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 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, 2018, 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 thirtieth day of August 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.